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Howard under fire after admitting six-year forensic flaw puts at least 12 convictions in doubt

Chaos over IRA bomb cases

Alan Travis and John Multin

ONFIDENCE in British criminal justice system was dealt a devastating new blow last night when the Home Office announced that the discovery of contaminated foren-sic equipment could lead to the convictions of at least a dozen IRA bombers being

overturned. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, ordered an inde-pendent inquiry into the dis-closure that could affect some of the most high profile cases of the last six years. The Home Office announce-

ment said that scientists at the Ministry of Defence's Fort Haistead Forensic Explosives Laboratory, at Sevenoaks, Kent, had discovered by accident on March 14 that the cantrifuge machine used to identify explosives exidence in tify explosives evidence in bomb cases had been contaminated with traces of Semtex

for more than six years.

Mr Howard was subjected to a barrage of angry criticism following the announce ment, which comes as a fresh embarassment for the Government after the unreliability of forensic evidence had played such a crucial role in the case of the Birmingham Six and a string of other mis-carriage of justice cases.

The discovery was first reported to Mr Howard two months ago. He admitted that evidence from the laboratory was used to secure convic-

terrorist explosives cases. But Home Office sources confirmed that the independent inquiry may find more cases are involved if it proves

that the contamination spread to other parts of the laboratory. A total of 38 people charged under the Prevention of Terrorism Act have been convicted of offences, involving explosives, since the contaminated centrifuge was brought into service in 1989. It is believed that the dozen cases



identified by Mr Howard yes-

terday are among them.

Although they may not necessarily have been convicted on the forensic evidence alone, among the cases called into question are the Cricklewood bomb blast, the Warrington gas explosion and the attack on the Israeli embassy in Kensington, west London.

Many of the cases will go to the Criminal Cases Review Authority before being referred to the Court of Appeal. For any sentence to be set aside it will have to be shown that the flawed forentor in the conviction.

The centrifuge machine a the centre of the scandal had been in use until 1989 at a nearby laboratory. Scientists have not been able to pinpoint the origin of the contamina-tion but believe the centrifuge - the size of a microwave oven - was already contaminated when they started

The problem lay in a small rubber bung, which was discovered to have absorbed a trace of RDX — a substance found in Semtex and other explosives — and which sepa-rated the glass test tube hold-ing the sample being analysed and its metal carrier.

"By normal standards the explosive detected was tiny, but nevertheless should not have been there," said Mr Howard in a Commons writ-ten answer. "There is a small theoretical possibility that any casework sample show-ing RDX traces may have been affected by the centri-

Later, the Home Secretary added: "The chances that there has been a miscarriage of justice as a result of what has been discovered are very small. But I don't want to take any risks or leave any stone unturned."

The shadow home secre-tary, Jack Straw, demanded a full statement from the Home Secretary in the Commons today, "Mr Howard's written answer raises more questions that it answers, including how many defendants we are talking about."

Neil O'May, a solicitor at Bindman and Partners, which has represented several de-fendants against whom the prosecution has presented evidence of handling explo-sives, said: "I am astonished that a flaw of this magnitude has been allowed to continue for seven years."

Gareth Peirce, who represented Daniel McBrearty, a Londonderry man, who was held for three months in late 1969 solely on what proved to be a false test for RDX, said: "In the aftermath of the Ma-guire and Birmingham Six cases, the laboratory had a chance to clean out the stables, but this shows they never took the opportunity."



Mr Howard at yesterday's launch in London's National Theatre of an initiative against drugs

Questions of evidence



Hugh Jacks: most evidence

HUGH Jacks, aged 37, was regarded as an excellent employee on the farm where he worked near his home at Sauchie, Alloa. terrorist, with 29 previous convictions, mainly for

Most of the evidence against him came from his association with Robert Fryers, 44, a Belfast bouncer, caught red-handed with Semtex as he

boarded a bus in London. As well as the association with Fryers, much of the evidence against Jacks came in the form of explosives tests. His bome was used to store explosives, but his defence argued he

DANNY Doherty, 23, from Co Dublin, was jailed for 25 nounced sentence, he years for conspiracy to threw up his thumbs and cause explosions along cheerfully claimed: "That's with Gerald Mackin. He and Mackin were said to have planted 12 bombs in London in seven days in October 1993. There were no injuries. Police discovered minal in his home town and problem. The continue is problem. Semtex and other bombing a British Gas depo paraphernalia behind a Tyneside in June 1993.



Danny Doherty: accused of planting 12 bombs in London

cused's flat. He was Thomas McAuley, and was acquitted at a re-trial.

NICHOLAS Mullen, 42, was jailed five years ago for 30 years, for his role in a Lon-don bombing campaign. As well as forensic evidence against him, police discovered papers and notes which also incriminated him. He also left the country, flying to Zimba-bwe before trying to return several months later. Police found Semtex dumped in a north London waterworks near his home in Wood Green, London.

SEAN McNuity, jailed for 25 years in August 1994 for He was jailed for 20 years cause explosions, might for conspiracy to cause find it tricky to argue any advantage from flawed fono problem." The cona British Gas depot on

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Labour rift widens as Prescott targets Brown

'it would surely be detrimental to allow an overbearing role for the Treasury'

John Prescott

Michael White, Political Editor

ABOUR'S deputy leader, John Prescott, last night fired another shot across Gordon Brown's storm-tossed bows when he rejected the shadow chancellor's plans to expand the Treasury into a super-ministry for "long-term economic and

social renewal". Amid renewed wrangling over policy and influence within Tony Blair's team, Mr

encompass larger economic and social renewal — of it becoming a so-called Super-Treasury." He accused it of "stifling initiative and innovation" for many years.

"It would surely be detri-

mental to our commitment for a dynamic economy to allow an overbearing role for the Treasury which will then

dominate every aspect of Gov-ernment life."

To add fuel to Tony Blair's shadow cabinet fire, Michael Meacher, shadow employ-

nuclear explosives,

a year. But he added: "I am single European currency less sure than some that the could cost millions of jobs, track record of the Treasury justifies widening its role to its hackers insist.

said that "any suggestion of a finance — committed to creating a stable macro-economic framework — but "a success-to tight discipline, are bound to tight discipline, are bound to the country of the countr Mr Prescott has long fa-voured a beefed-up Depart-ment of Trade and Industry

as the best means of getting a better performance from British manufacturing. In Bournemouth he likened the Tressury's role to "keeping an eye on how much is left in the kitty ... but when prudence becomes ossified into

dangerous obstruction, and when rules become obstacles to our economic and social de-velopment, then we are deal-ing with a very serious mat-ter indeed."

to tight discipline, are bound to look askance.

Though Mr Brown shares
Mr Prescott's views on the
patchy post-war history of the
Treasury, and Mr Meacher's
distinctive economic views are well known, their pointed interventions come as the shadow chancellor is under fire from some colleagues for his role beyond economic policy and his tendency to act without enough consultation. In a speech to the Manches-

within Tony Blair's used a trade union speech in Bournemouth to welcome Mr Brown's call for a public debate on the department he could inherit within to add fuel to Tony Blair's to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could inherit within to add fuel to Tony Blair's to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather the could inherit within the could inherit within the could inherit within the could be a trade union to add fuel to Tony Blair's to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather the could inherit within the could inherit within the could be a trade union to add fuel to Tony Blair's to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing with a very serious mather than the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing the trade union that the could be a trade union to our economic and social development, then we are dealing that the could be a trade union to our economic and social dealing the trad

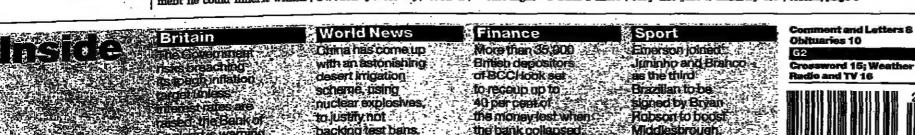
a ministry of finance and a ministry for long-term eco-nomic and social renewal. It will be innovative rather than obstructive, it will be open rather than secretive, and it will encourage new ideas not stifle them." Mr Prescott's target yester-day was unmistakeable, even

Labour Treasury will be both

though the phrase "super-ministry" — to describe new Turn to page 3, column 4

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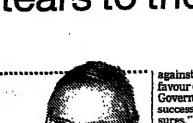
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Sketch

tears to the eyes



Simon Hoggart

HE TORIES revealed their new slogan yesterday: "Yes it hurt. Yes it worked." This acknowledgement is described by advertising pundits as a "high-risk

strategy."
I'll say. For one thing, it
must create the high risk of mass hernias as people double

up with laughter.

Do they seriously imagine we believe they meant it to hurt as much as it did? That Black Wednesday, for example, was all on purpose? This is the John Wayne Bobbit school of political persuasion: 'Yes, we cut it off. Yes, it's been sewn back on.

It certainly hurts in Prime Minister's Questions these days. For one thing, all Tory questions appear to have been written out by the whips.

Bob Dunn (C. Dartford) de-clared that the "Labour and Liberal Democrat-controlled Sevenoaks council has just increased council tax by an unprecedented 90 per cent!" (pause, here, for fake disbe-lieving "Whoas" from the Tory benches, as if a hundred Roy Rogers were reining in a

Will you confirm," Mr Dunn continued, "that does bark, cats misow, and socialists put up taxes?"

hundred Triggers).

Could he confirm it? Could he ever! I myself took the opportunity for a short doze at this point, but woke up to hear the Prime Minister still in full spate: "The teenage tax . . . in Scotland, the tartan tax . . . " I drifted off back to sleep

I woke up with a jerk. The rk was Tim Yeo (C, Suffolk S). He had noticed reports that the Labour Party wants to make Parliament "less confrontational". As you might expect, Mr Yeo's prescription was for Labour to agree with the Conservative Party on all important issues.

The quickest way to achieve this would be for those parties who claim to be

First night

Michael Billington

HE sequel, they used to say in Hollywood, is

never as good as the orig-

Simply Disconnected Minerva Theatre, Chichester

inal. In the case of Simon Gray's Simply Disconnected.

The play is a follow-up of

Gray's 1971 success, Other-

wise Engaged; but where in that I felt characters were

flated by Alan Bates's Simon

Hench, here the overwhelm-

grief and unbreachable solitude.

ing impression is of the hero's

Solitude may seem an odd

word for a man whose day is an endless series of interrup-

tions. Twenty-five years ago he was desperately trying to listen to Parsifal; now, he is

a widowed, retired publisher

crunching sound of feet on the gravel path heralds a succes-

in a sequestered country

retreat. But the continuous

sion of visitors echoing the

patterns of the past.

it is actually better.

Gray's anatomy

of guilt and grief

against crime to vote in favour of, and not against, the Government's increasingly successful law and order mea

Thinking, not unreasonably, that he had said more than enough, Mr Major began his reply. But nothing, not even the sight of his own Prime Minister on his feet. would shut Mr Yeo up.

"Will New Labour finally tell the truth and say that the Tories were right all along? he finally finished.

Mr Major said that he was glad he had paused for this second part of the question "it was well worth waiting for" — but so egregiously greasy had it been, that even the Prime Minister could not resist an ironic smirk towards the Labour benches. Bernard Jenkin (C, Colches-

ter N) gladdened the hearts of the whips by asking a ques-tion as greasy as any oilslicked seagull. Would the new Divorce Bill not allow time for reconciliation for all members of the shadow cabinet — "a marriage of conve-nience which has been poisoned by the political gigolo

from Hartlepool."
This was the kind of overthe top insult which could achieve the impossible, and make Peter Mandelson popular with members of the Labour Party. Anyway, it was Tony Blair's press secretary. Alastair Campbell, who once worked as a gigolo, in the south of France.

The weirdest moment came when Teresa Gorman asked about the single currency. It alone, she said, £100 million to change their tills.

"Will you bring this to the attention of M. Chirac?" she asked. "Underwear will go up in price, in Paris and Lyon, and all the other places where M&S sells."

I wonder how the conversation will go. "Er, Jacques, I don't quite know how to put this, but it's about Teresa Gorman's knickers . . . "Quoi, mon ami?"

"She wants to make sure they come down. And she believes that you can help." "Zut alors, Jean! Anuzzer slice of that beef, if you please Now ah accept absolun your assurance 2at there is no link between chicken shit in zurr feed and zurr mad cow-

called Julian bursts in with a gun claiming he is Hench's

son by a discarded mistress. Quite a lot for one day, not

As Gray says, the earlier

kept that world at bay by pre-tending it did not exist; but be

ingly, about a man so weighed

is writing, far more search-

to mention the pregnant home help, who may indeed be carrying Hench's child.

Chancellor Clarke urged to raise interest rates to damp down effects of rising consumer spending

Hurtful talk brings Bank warning on inflation

Larry Elliott

IE Government risks breaching its get unless interest damp down the long-term effects of rising consumer spending, the Bank of England said yesterday.

In its first muscle-flexing exercise for a year, the Bank warned the Chancellor. Ken neth Clarke, against any attempts to stoke up demand ahead of the election and made it clear that any attempt

the current rate of 6 per cent would be opposed.

The Bank's quarterly inflation report stressed that the dangers of the economy lurching back into recession were tough inflation tar- now receding and that a cautious approach was vital to rates are raised avoid policy mistakes that over the coming months to had led to previous boom-bust

> Mervyn King, the Bank's director of economics, said that the last quarter-point reduction in base rates in March could be justified as an 'insurance policy" against a downturn in the economy.

"There is a case for continuing to pay the premium for a short period. But it is

inflation report is intended to two years time were official monitor the Government's towards hitting its inflation target of less than 2.5 per cent for the Retail Prices Index excluding mortgage interest payments in two

years' time. Yesterday's report said that the short-term outlook was good, with the weakness of growth dragging so-called underlying inflation below 2.5 | main confinental markets per cent over the next 12 was improving

"After that, it is probable that inflation will move along a rising trend, reaching 2.5

rates to remain unchanged throughout that period". The Bank said there were

still short-term risks to the economy from the weakness of export markets and firms trimming output to offload excessive stocks. But it said there had been

few signs so far of de-stocking and the outlook for Britain's "As a result, although those

risks remain, they now seem less serious, and with the passage of time they will, if not per cent some two years realised disappear from the ahead it is marginally more picture. It was precisely at likely than not that inflation this juncture that policy mis-

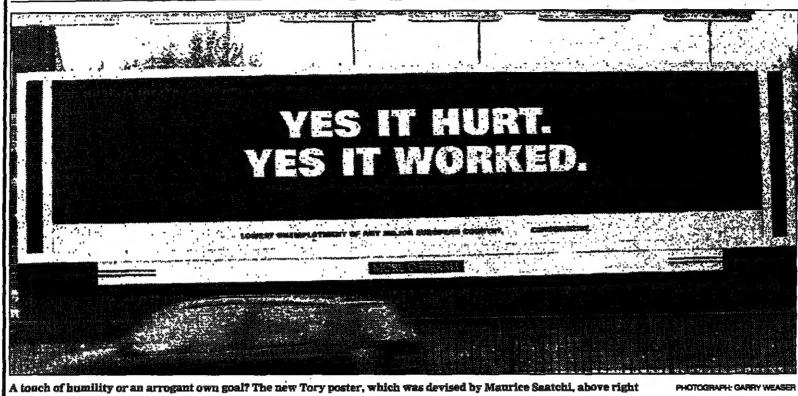
creasing the premium". The i would be above 2.5 per cent in I takes were made in the past". I state of the economy and the The inflation report argued that domestic demand was set to pick up over the next two years. Consumer spending would be underpinned by rising real incomes and the windfall gains from building society mergers, while invest-ment was also likely to rise.

Bank officials are concerned that the recent expansion in bank and building society deposits will — if sustained - lead to higher inflation over the next few years.

The Bank's fears about repeating the errors that stoked up the Lawson boom are shared by senior officials at the Treasury, who see simi-larities between the current

growth "pause" in early 1986. Chancellor to cut rates for a

fourth time since the Budget. A year ago, the downturn in the economy vindicated the Chancellor's decision to overrule the advice of the Bank's governor, Eddie George. Since then, the Bank has avoided open conflict with Mr Clarke, but analysts said yesterday's message from the trough in base rates had now been reached.



Tories put the pain in election campaigning

lebacca Smithers and Andrew Culf

HE Conservative Party yesterday launched its pre-election advertising campaign with an ad-mission that its economic policies have been unpopu-

The nationwide poster campaign, costing between tures the high-risk slogan: 'Yes it hurt. Yes it

John Prescott, dubbed it a futile gesture, while advertising experts labelled it arrogant and out of touch.

the advertising guru credited with winning four consecutive elections for the Tories, and public relations supremo Str Tim Bell, former adviser to Margaret Thatcher.

After an acrimonious row ast year with the agency they founded, Maurice and his brother Charles set up working with Conservative Central Office.

A spokeswoman for the party, which has an esti-mated £25 million election 'war chest", said: "The basic message is that life is better under the Conserva-

The campaign was de tives. We are making it trate on attacking Labour vised by Maurice Saatchi. clear that the policies we in the absence of a feelgood had to follow hurt a little. but they were policies that worked. This is a touch of humility". Smaller print on the

poster claims 26 million people have had their income tax cut and that Britain has the lowest unemployment of any major European country.

attack Labour, repeating the 1992 theme of a 'double whammy' of more John Banks, chairman of advertising agency, said

the Tories should concen-

factor. He suggested the reworked alternative: "Labour, You know it will hurt and you know it won't work. Vote Conservative." He said: "This slogan is

like saying 'It is the age of the train'. You can say it as often as you like, but people don't believe it if the trains are late, dirty and

Trevor Beattie, creative director of TBWA and one of the masterminds behind the Banks Hoggins O'Shea | lutely staggered. It is so arrogant, a massive own

Hugh Burkitt, of Burkitt Edwards Martin (BEM), said: "It sounds to me as if this has been written by the client. It is rather desperate."
Alfredo Marcantonio,

vice-chairman of Abbott Mead Vickers BBDO, said: "I think it is a bit apologist it is rather like saying at know. least Mussolini got the trains to run on time.

clined to comment on an exclient, but former creative director Tony Brignall said: "It is pretty damn clever. It implies it won't hurt any more - it is like going to the dentist, but now the tooth is out."



In other words

☐ The Conservative Party. If it ain't fixed, don't break it.

☐ The Conservative Party. So good, Tony Blair wants one.

☐ The damage has been repaired and normal service will now resume. Please do not adjust your Government.

☐ The Conservatives. Better the devil you

☐ The Conservatives. We've started. Let

Slogans supplied by Burkitt Edwards Martin

Roya

Choicest pomp greets Chirac

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

down by guilt over his wife's unreachable. Before, Hench showed a talaway the unpresidential excitement: the doubleent to abuse; now he is less an handed, fingertips-pressed-toironic point-scorer than a tragic figure haunted by the consequences of his actions. Gray's structure is calcula

show remarkable memory for remarks of 25 years ago and the scene with the gun-toting supposed son is schematically neat rather than dramatically

But Gray's point, in the words of the old hymn, is 'change and decay in all I see' - his characters, however buoyant they may seem, have been warped and corroded by

His brother, Stephen, brings the news that he is about to be ignominiously dis-Richard Wilson's production is not without humour missed as an assistant headbut the abiding impression is master for molesting a 13of Alan Bates as a wonderfully year-old boy. Jeff, Hench's clenched Hench: his blanched oldest friend and once a literfeatures and ghostly stillness ary hack, turns up as a writer are relieved only by a final of best-selling travel books only to be exposed by his wife. Gwendoline, as a total fraud.

This review appeared in

the Gare du Nord. lips film star number Jacques Chirac launched at a gaggle of tricolore-waving children as the Rolls swept him on to Horse Guards.

Ramrod-stiff, an impressario enjoying his own show, France's president grinned at the ranks of Life Guards as a trumpeter sounded a royal salute, and alighted to greet his hostess and accentuate the cordiale in the old entente between their countries.

Monsieur Chirac stood tall to shake hands with the Queen, although seasoned protocol-watchers noted that his wife, Bernadette, gave a perceptible curtsey when the moment arrived.

It was pomp and ceremony at their British best: from the gleaming Irish Guards to the patient policemen shepherd-ing over-excited tourists into an Anglophile republican who so clearly relished the royal welcome, and who had arrived by Eurostar in Lon-don yesterday straight from

The band's rendition of the Marseillaise left a fair bit to be desired, but the viewing pavilion was a marvel of blue, white and red canvas with Disneyland turrets and little pennants that would have looked fine on the eve of

Pre-visit hype on both sides

of the Channel was justified by the splendour of the arrival scene. If it is a Europe des Patries London and Paris are supposed to have in common these days, then the British spared no effort to display their choicest patriotic wares. Tricolores and union flags fluttered along the traffic-free Mall as the horsedrawn state landau, spearheaded by a Household Cavalry escort, set off for Buckingham Palace, raising little clouds of saw-

dust and a whiff of dung. The president's first en-



Unpresidential glee: Mr Chirac relishing yesterday's welcome

Historical echoes were never far away - from the army explaining that the Irish Guards and Welsh Guards on duty were the only two guards battalions not to ing over-excited tourists into gagement was a private lunch two guards battalions not to an ideology out of defending the reviewing stands — half for 60 — less formal than fight at Waterloo, to the France's national interest and empty but still welcoming to some of the more heavy wreath laying at the tomb of famously said non to Britain's

weight sessions on the four- | the unknown warrior in | application to join the Com-Westminster Abbey. Afterwards there was an

other, more political pilgrim-age to Carlton House Terrace to pay bomage at the statue of an ideology out of defending

mon Market.

And from there it was only a short mental leap for Mr Chirac to a call by Tony Blair: Labour's views on European monetary union and Maastricht were useful prepara-

Official menu gives president food for thought

JACQUES CHIRAC, a man with simple tastes in food, may find some of the fare heavy going as he lurches from banquet to banquet dur-ing his four days in Britain, writes Ian Black.

Beef — de rigeur for visiting Europeans these days — was on the menu for yesterday's arrival lunch at Buckingham

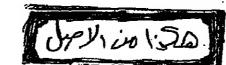
Palace officials provided a menu to dispel rumours that the French president was being served Beef Wellington after being met by Princess Margaret at Waterloo. In fact, it was "Filet de Boeuf aux Moutles Proposeloo" Nouilles Provençales' Lunch began with Terrine de Trois Saumons (salmon

terrine) while the beef was served with green beans, cauliflower and new potatoes.
Last night, President
Chirac was dining at Buckingham Palace on sole, lobster mousse and rack of lamb. Tonight, he is John Major's guest at Hampton Court, and

tomorrow plays host at the French ambassador's residence in Kensington.
All a bit trying for a man said to be happiest with snacks and a bottle of low-

alcohol lager.

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in other words

Albert Hall wins lottery

terday of a grant of £40 million from the National Lottery to refurbish the Royal Albert Hall was marred by a row between the hall's management and the Department of National

Heritage.
Patrick Deuchar, chief executive of the hall, attacked the department for leaking details of the grant to the

"It is a disgraceful situation and one not to be condoned," he said. "Somebody at the De-partment of National Heriage decided there were politi-

cal points to be scored."

The redevelopment plan, which has been six and a half years in the pipeline, aims to increase the number of performances by 60 per year, open the hall to the public during the day, stage art exhibitions, create a traffic-free zone around the building, and refurbish the interior of the 125-year-old building in Ken-sington, west London. Work

will begin immediately. The £40 million grant is the largest joint funding appeal since the National Lottery came into existence.

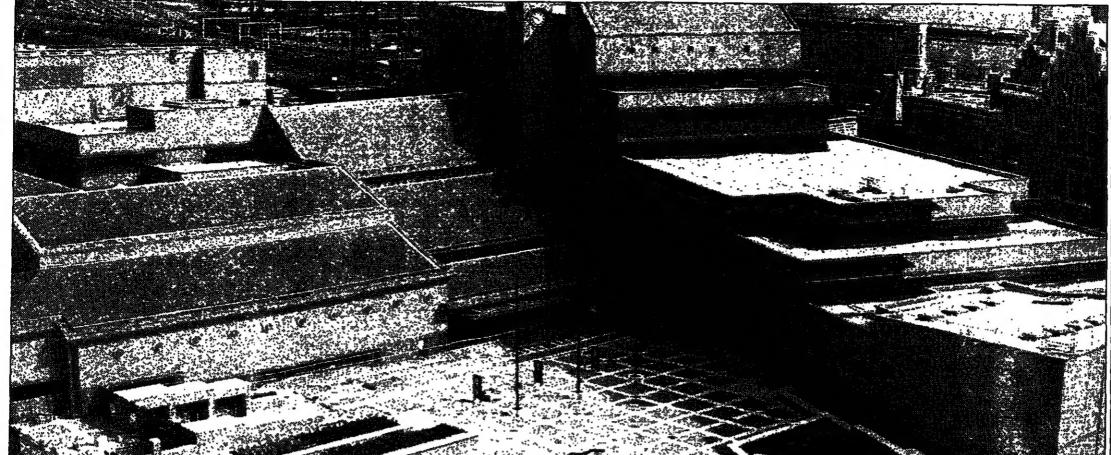
As well as extra perfor mances, there are plans for a national orchestra week, fea-turing British orchestras from outside London, world music festivals, and millennium celebrations.

In addition to the £40 million grant, the hall will invest £16 million of its own money in the refurbishment, the product of operating surpluses and an appeal.

"For the first time in its

history the hall will be able to fully realise its potential," said Mr Deuchar, Previously, "there had never been enough money to enable the building to keep pace with

technology".
Forseeing criticism at lottery money being awarded to another large venue in Lon-don, Mr Deuchar promised that there would be "no charitable appeal from this organi-sation at this stage. I believe it is the nation's village hall and it is right that it should



The new British Library building, which is still under construction and is now not due to be opened until October 1997

Chunnel poses latest threat to British Library

Project is 10 years behind time and the problems keep coming

David Hencke

RITAIN'S longestrunning and most ac-cident-prone project, the incomplete British Library, is set to collide with another unfinished dream, the Channel Tunnel high speed rail link, the National Audit Office reveals

The latest delayed opening date for the British Library — October 1997 — is to coincide with the date for the much postponed start of building the new Channel Tunnel rail link on land next door to the new building. This promises

more disruption to the ill-fated British Library project. Projected costs of the Brit-ish Library scheme, first con-ceived over 40 years ago, have risen from £164 million to £496 million and its construc-tion is 10 years behind schedule. The latest delay to completion, from this

that error upon error has compounded the problems. In 1994, this led Stephen Dorrell, the then Heritage Secretary, to consider cancel-ling the scheme. The report

warms that even injection of £46 million extra cash is al-ready fully committed, with no room for manouevre should anything else go wrong. . Practically everything in

the building that could go wrong has gone wrong with attempts to solve prob-lems often leading to fresh The report lists difficulties

with bookshelves, electric cabling, fire protection systems, floods, mechanical book handling systems, lighting energy management ductwork insulation and cleaning, electrical power, thermal stores, and even

Prototype mobile book-shelves, for a start, threw books backwards and forear to wards and were jammed by The damning report, to be discovered that the bookexamined by MPs on the Commons Public Accounts Commo

had to dismantle the entire system and rebuild it. Then 3,000 kilometres of electrical cabling installed by Balfour Beatty was found to

be damaged and needed to be checked and partly replaced.

As a result, parts of the building could not be cabled without causing damage and circuit breakers had to be in-

problem, which would have required a redesign of the cabling, would have cost £40 million. Instead £1.5 million was spent on circuit breakers. A planned "dry" sprinkler fire protection system was found to be corroded and unworkable in storage areas "where there was little chance of extinguishing a fire

before most of the storage

compartment's contents were

stalled. To sort out the whole

destroyed." It was replaced with a "wet" system at a cost of about £50,000, plus a £1.4 million bill for new pumps and quicker response sprinkler

gether these faults delayed the scheme by two and half

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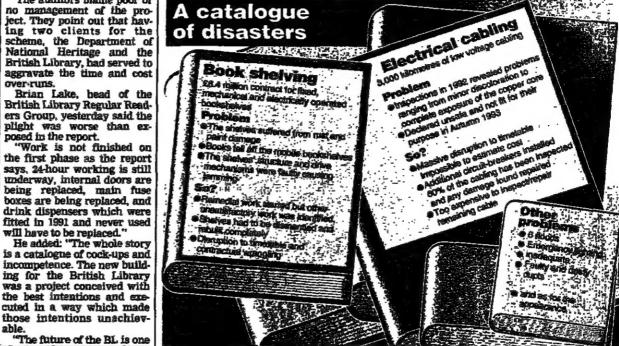
Brian Lake, head of the British Library Regular Read-ers Group, yesterday said the plight was worse than ex-posed in the report. "Work is not finished on the first phase as the report says, 24-hour working is still underway, internal doors are

over runs.

drink dispensers which were fitted in 1991 and never used will have to be replaced." He added: "The whole story is a catalogue of cock-ups and incompetence. The new building for the British Library was a project conceived with the best intentions and executed in a way which made

those intentions unachievable. "The future of the BL is one of cuts and more cuts and continuing financial crisis, declining morale and quality of | staff, split-site working, and next, has put 246 million on gear failures. Once these the library will not be big longer waits for books rather

enough, with the 351-seat capacity of the science and Oriental reading rooms ex-Progress in completing the New British Library. Report



mons Public Accounts Compaintwork had to be changed. pected to be full up on open-mittee next month, discloses. Then the supplier, Bruynzeel, ing day. **Description** Description** D Royal soap a non-event Brown's plan

Drama it certainly ain't. Ian Katz on the US television debut of Princess in Love

VEN a viewer who has spent the last five years on Mars will quickly conclude that this is a mar-riage in deep trouble. The first time we meet the Prince and Princess of Wales, he is abandoning her during a Spenish holiday and she is distraught.
Diana: "Charles, you can't
be leaving." Charles: "What's that funny

smell?"

Diana: "Tanning lotion . don't change the subject."
The scene tells you everything you need to know about Princess in Love, the quickie CBS film about Diana's affair with Major James Hewitt to be broadcast in the United States tonight. Charles is cast as a cold, fusty brute, Diana is vulnerable and vacuous—and the next two hours are going to take a very long time.
Its director, David Greene

of Roots fame — at least does us the favour of confin-ing the requisite "fairy-tale" footage to the credits. Based on the Anna Pasternak book, Princess in Love cuts straight to the chase. Literally.
Charles (Christopher
Bowen) constantly calls in

with excuses why he must stay overnight at Highgrove. On the rare occasions he does see his wife, he says things like. "Th

with excuses why he must stay overnight at Highgrove. On the rare occasions he does see his wife, he says things like: "The off to my own room in a moment. I'll just leave these here for you to sign."

Hardly surprising then, that Diana (Julie Cox) seeks of the must not just one that biana (Julie Cox) seeks out, is nothing like you would that Diana pines for morals that can be extracted from the collapse of the marking more tary criteria for riage, but just one that springs from Princess in Love. Reporters who instinctively refer to the real-life because of their impact on public and private sector—because of their impact on drama" should desist. It isn't.



Christopher Villiers, who portrays Major James Hewitt in the CBS film, would 'make a sofa look animated'

comfort in the arms of her dashing young riding instructor, Major James Hewitt (Christopher Villiers). Even so, her hrazen flirtatiousness is a trifle unseemly. "You make it seen so easy?" she purts to the major after their first outing. "Are you this good at everything you do?"

In case we are not clear what Maj Hewitt gives her that her husband doer not, we see the princess smuling as comfort in the arms of her) see the princess smuling as the major compliments her on her riding skills. The camera then cuts to Charles distribut-ing similarly warm praise —

ing similarly warm praise—
to his foliage. "Plants need
encouragement," he explains.
"So do people," Diana reforts.
Viewers struggling to follow the plot may find the
music helpful. Diana pines for
Maj Hewitt to Dire Straits' So
Far Away From Me. When
she interrupts Charles danc-

aristocratic, more of a bawdy, barmaid type, When Charles laments having married "a schoolgirl who would benefit from a good spanking", she groans lasciviously, and warns him: "Musn't get too warts him: Mush t get no excited my pet ... unless you want to stay the weekend."

Cutting between a Panorama-esque interview with the princess and scenes from her angst-ridden life, Princess in Love leaves you with the

same feeling as a poor cover version of a much loved song. It does not help that Mr Bowen bears a closer resemblance to Timothy Dalton than Prince Charles, or that Christopher Villiers would make a sofa look animated.

There are doubtless many

for Treasury scorned by Prescott

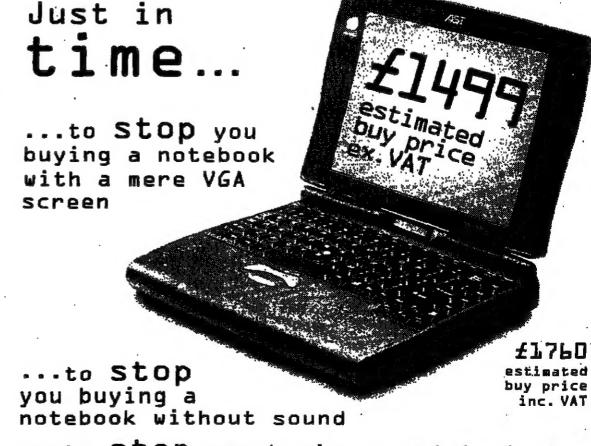
continued from page one ranges of responsibilities under a Blair-led Whitehall shake-up — recently surfaced in Peter Mandelson's book on New Labour, not a work Mr Brown is likely to keep at his

"The Treasury has well established and embedded ways of dealing with major economic and social issues. Even in the realm of public fi-nances it has failed to act on every occasion in the best in-terests of maximising growth and investment," Mr Prescott said.

"Too often in the past, the dead hand of the Treasury has stifled initiative and innovation, in the public and pri-vate sector with a rigid inflexibility in

interpretation of Treasury rules." Shadow ministers are committed to upgrading employ-ment as a "Maastricht criterion" as Sweden is proposing. But Mr Meacher's speech put an Old Labour gloss on policy goals which are more cau-tiously expressed by Mr Blair and Mr Brown.

"Unless the real economy and employment objectives in particular are reflected in the operation of the EMU (Economic and Monetary Union), ger that it could act as a defla-tionary and divisive force in the EU.



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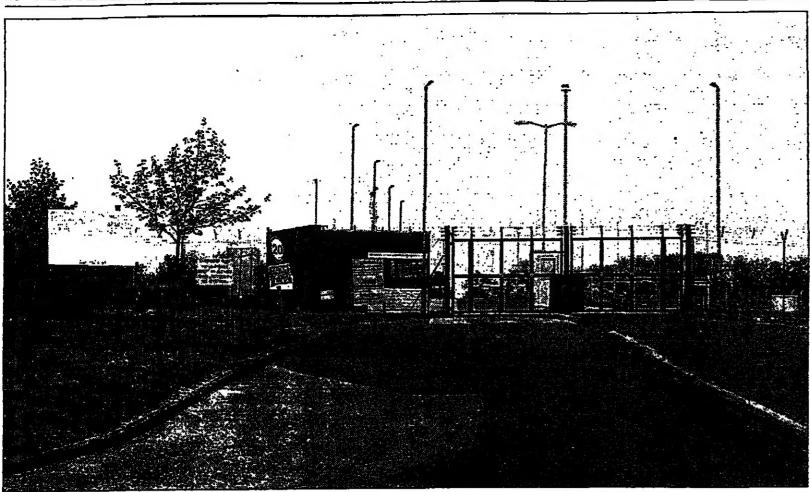
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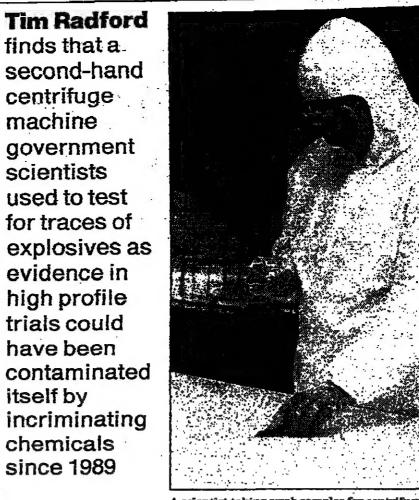
Not all psychotherapists are attachment theorists. Some might prefer to trace the conflicted Brown/ Mandelson behaviour back to birth trauma, or inadequate self-actualisation, or repressed libidinal urges.

Catherine Bennett, 1946 ?



Source of doubt . . . the Defence Research Agency's Fort Halstead forensic explosives laboratory near Sevencaks in Kent

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Laboratory accident revealed Semtex cases 'nightmare'

OR more than six occasions, government scientists used a machine to refine samples of evidence in terrorism cases to look for cyclotrimethylene trinitramine, or RDX - a chemical which indicates the

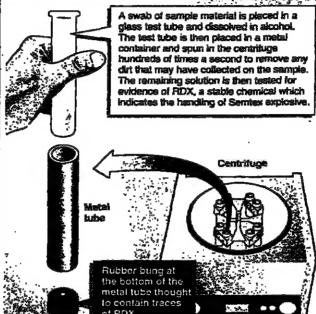
handling of Semtex explosive. Now at least a dozen cases may be in doubt after Home Office chiefs last night admitted that the instrument at the government's Forensic Explosives Laboratory may have been contaminated with RDX from the start.
The contamination might

have been inside a rubber fitting in a machine which ar-rived second hand, from another laboratory, and was apparently never checked for contamination. Contamination is every lab-

instruments become more sensitive, the dangers of it occurring inadvertently rise. Earlier this decade, for ex ample, America's leading Alds scientists were humili-

oratory's nightmare — and as

ated by the revelation that their discovery of the Aids vi-rus might only have been the them by the Pasteur Institute in Paris. Similarly, dinosaur experts who two years ago ex-



it was DNA from some other

DNA from fossils now admit | material.

maistead laborat muddled by some other RDX in a control sample. 500 micrograms), but it should not have been there at

The sample was from a routine test made in March to confirm, as expected, there was no contamination on the iaboratory surfaces or equip-ment. If the laboratory techni-cian had not gone ahead with the test after a test tube had broken and spilt the sample in the centrifuge, the discov-ery might never have been

When forensic scientists are called in, they look for microscopic evidence: since they cannot see it, they take swabs on cotton wool - from hands. clothing, car upholstery, paper wrapping and so on. The contents of the swab are then dissolved in alcohol. Since the evidence they seek will not be the only thing on the swab, they need to separate the material.

To do this they use a centrifuge which, with the solution inside it in a glass test tube. spins hundreds of times a econd. The centrifugal force hurls any dirt to the bottom of the tube, and the rest of the solution can de examineu d

nificant part of the machine: the test tube holder balanced Bruss

put of

The test tube had broken in the holder, and its contents rubber.

The scientists are fairly sure that the rubber support was the source of the contamination. They also point out that in theory, where there were no spills or break ages, RDX could not have got directly from the rubber support to the sample being tested for evidence. But of course it could have travelled indirectly: a technician hand-ling the sample would also touch the test tube holder which had been resting on the contaminated rubber.

Mr Howard's answer in Parliament yesterday talked of "a small theoretical possibility" that case samples might contaminated.

But if the rubber support had been used 500 times since 1989, and in 1996 was still tentially incriminating traces ways aimed at reducing the risk that the sample under study might be smeared or millionths of a gram — of chemicals.

instruments which can detect be entitled to wonder how tiny amounts of dissolved much RDX had been in the first place, chemicals.

The 30 micrograms discoviment it arrived at the Fort Thirty mg is not much (a | ered in the centrifuge on | Halstead laboratory in 1989.

Man who questioned Six evidence

Contamination inquiry

Alan Travis on the sceptical scientist appointed to review the possibility of unsound tests in terror case convictions

HE MAN appointed to undertake the inquiry is Brian Caddy, who was the first independent forensic scientist publicly to question some of the evi-dence in the case of the Bir-

Professor Caddy also acted as a forensic adviser to the Maguire family during the inquiry by Sir John May into the convictions of the Guildford Four, and gave evidence to the Court of Appeal on behalf of the Birmingham Six.

He took an early interest in the arguments surrounding the conviction of the Birmingham Six and ap-peared in a World In Action programme in 1985 when he questioned some of the forensic evidence put forward by Frank Skuse which was crucial to the original conviction of three

Home Secretary to examine gunshots.

of the men for the pub

all the paperwork in the cases in which Semtex traces were found by the Forensic Explosives Laboratory, and assess whether it was likely they had been contaminated.

Prof Caddy will also look at the likelihood that the contamination in the centrifuge had spread to other samples in the laboratory and affected more cases than the 12 so far identified

by the Home Office.
Prof Caddy is the editor of Science and Justice, the journal of the Forensic Science Society, and has earned an international reputation representing the UK at meetings of Interpol.

He has published more than 80 articles and in bombings.

Prof Caddy works at recent years has developed a special interest in analyshas been asked by the



Brian Caddy: acted as forensic adviser to Maguire family

Vaccine drive urged

Lack of investment 'wastes thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of pounds'

Chris Mihill

in the fight to eliminate mailpox warned yesterday that thousands of lives and hundreds of millions of pounds were being wasted every year because of a failure to invest sufficiently in vaccines against other

Donald Henderson, head of the World Health Organisation's compaign against anallpox, said that microbes had killed far more people than warfare, yet research into new vaccines was seen as a low spending priority. Professor Henderson was

speaking at the Royal Society in London in a lecture to mark the 200th anniversary of the world's first successful immunisation — by Edward Jenner on May 14, 1796, using

weighed other advances, but this generally went unrecognised.

"Amongst the pantheon of medical procedures, a number are regularly cited as medical miracles: cardiac surgery, cancer chemotherapy, organ transplantation and the brilliant spectrum of pharmacological intervention for all manner of aches and pains.

"Seldom is vaccination accorded such respect and, yet, I believe it is safe to say that more lives are saved and more disabiling diseases pre-vented each year by vaccines alone than by all these other

total international invest- the number killed by smallment in the smallpox vaccination programme was \$100 million (£66 million), while savings each year amounted to several thousand million

diseases of childhood and others such as malarla, tuberculosis, dengue and even

However vaccine development suffered from a lack of support in the case of many diseases, because there was only a limited market in industrialised countries, and poor countries could not af-ford the research. Governments tended not to support medical advances of no benefit to their own citizens.

Prof Henderson called for a change of attitude "if not in the interests of furthering child survival, perhaps in the interests of assuring mankind's survival".

He pointed out that wars during this century may have killed 100 million to 150 milmedical interventions lion people. "This is an impressive number, but that Prof Henderson said the number is well less than half pox alone in this century before its eradication in 1977. And that was but one disease acting in a partially vacci-

nated world.
"What might a similar cowpox against smallpox.

Prof Henderson said vaccines' contribution to improve given by mouth at birth could get serious in dealing now ing human health far out- protect against all the serious | with microbes and vaccines."

Murdered woman warned against Far East holiday

Philippines had been warned by her family about the dan- She knew what she was gers of holidaying in the Far East.

Linda Vockins, aged 35, had agreed not to visit Thailand after her family said she would be in danger travelling there alone. Her naked body was found dumped in a ravine near the holiday cottage she was renting in the Philip-

pines on Sunday. Ms Vockins, of Burghfield Common, Berkshire, who had travelled extensively, had been alone when she was attacked.

Two weeks earlier she had been mugged in the capital, Manila, and only a few days before her death she was robbed of her handbag.

The former teacher had been making a last trip abroad before settling down to a new job as a pub manager in Reading, Berkshire.

She was made redundant earlier this year from a job as a customer relations manager at electrical giants Thorn Her stepfather Frank Bar-ham, speaking from the fam-

ABRITISH woman raped | "She has travelled around the world before. It is not the first time she has been on her own.

doing.
"She was very sensible. She knew how to look after herself and others. People who know her will be shocked it could have happened to her.

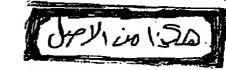
"She had wanted to go to Thailand, but I managed to talk her out of that. I saw enough of Thailand when I was in the army. We thought that would be too dangerous and she would be safe in the

Philippines." The result of an autopsy was expected yesterday and the family said they would ask for the body to be

returned to England. Ms Vockins was expected to return from her 10 week trip on June 23.

A friend, John Doody, who used to live and work with Linda, said: "She was a very confident person with a very outgoing nature and she was

very caring." Edward Moranan, a spokesman for the Philippines embassy in London, issued a warning yesterday that women who travelled alone in ily's home near Reading, said: the country were vulnerable.



Daughter tells of mother's illness and alleges Government 'failed in its duty of care and misled public over the safety of eating beef'

CJD victim's family seeks legal aid to sue ministers

Wednesday May 15 to

realed

ence

Woman ward

year-old woman who died of Creuztfeldt-Jakob Disease is seeking legal aid to sue the Gov-

ing legal aid to sue the Government, alleging that the public were misled by ministers and officials who told them eating beef was safe.

Ija Andrews, 23, from Banbury, Oxfordshire, is convinced that her mother. Dutch-born Fonnie Van Es, died as a result of eating beef infected with BSE. With her brothers, Tjark, 21, and Tjobbe, 14, and her father, Terry Andrews, she met the families of about 20 other CJD victims in Banbury victims in Banbury

Ms Andrews said of her mother: "She had always been healthy — one of those people who never seem to fall it." But after an attack of the seem to be a seem to be But after an attack of shingles, from which she recovered, she was having difficulty getting to sleep and was showing signs of



Fonnie Van Es: her health declined rapidly

worked. Her GP prescribed Diazepam, but then she devel-oped twitches in her right hand. The medication was stopped, but the jerking con-tinued and her depression got worse."
Ms Van Es's health de-

clined rapidly over three months. CJD was not diagbefore she died, in June 1994.
"Towards the end, me and my brothers were feeding her, dressing her, bathing her and putting her to bed. We had to do everything for her. She knew she had CJD but she did not know then thank Cod."

of government documents to fight the case. Speaking on BBC Radio 4, he denied that it was inappropriate to use legal aid to try to force an issue that the scientific community was still investigating. not know then, thank God, that it had anything to do with mad cow disease.

"At no time was she mad. She always remembered who

we were, but she lost control of her body, and all her dignity had gone."
Her mother ate beef. "Our diet was like anyone else's."
Her solicitor, David Harris, from Sale in Cheshire, said they had taken leading coun. they had taken leading coun-sel's advice. If there were a proven link between BSE and the strain of CJD from which Ms Van Es died, then her fam-ily would be entitled to com-pensation, he believed.

There would have to be in-vestigations to establish ernment and that there may whether there was a link of which the Government was aware at the time it was advising the public that beef dividual causation on my cliwas safe to eat. Mr Harris acknowledged

proven link - there are suggestions, indeed, that have been put in the press and the media over a considerable period of time that there is a link."

The most that could be won in compensation was £7,500, but the action was worth taking not for financial gain but because of the wider emo-tional considerations. "We are applying for legal aid alleging that there is a duty of care owed by the Gov-

ent's behalf. In other words, did her mother actually die



Ilja Andrews, who says mother ate BSE-infected beef, with her brothers, Tjobbe (left) and Tjark PHOTOGRAPH STUART HARRISO

Brussels may put off vote on beef ban

Michael White and

UROPEAN Union veterinary officials may
today postpone a decision to ease the beef ban
rather than risk a damaging
majority vote that could go
either way, EU officials
hinted last night.

Though British ministers believe they have a majority on the standing scientific and veterinary committee to endorse a proposal by the Euro-pean Commission to ease the ban on British beef by-prod-ucts used in food and medicine, Germany is besitant to endorse such a move.

Coming on the eve of a twoday Commons debate on European farm policy in which the beef crisis will feature strongly, the hint of delay is certain to enrage Eurosceptics on both sides some Tory MPs voting with Labour tomorrow night.

Mawhinney, last night ac-knowledged the delicacy of the situation in an anti-federalist speech which he said party policy on Europe was kept together by "three an-chors": unquestioned support for membership of the EU; determination to fight within it for the national interest, and a commitment to hold a refer-endum if Britain were to join a single currency — but not on the wider issue of membership, as Sir Jimmy Goldsmith prone older dairy cattle, leav-wants. Earlier Kenneth ing a minimal scientific risk. Clarke, the Chancellor, said With President Chirac on a Britain's national interests, state visit to Britain — and political and economic, lay in being at the heart of Europe.

"It has been that way for cen-turies and will remain so. I do not believe that you can separate economics from poli-tics," he told the German-British Chamber of Industry

and Commerce in London. Under the commission plan, easing the ban would be conditional on Britain applyconditional on Britain apply-ing tougher standards for treatment of beef by-products, notably tallow and gelatine. But opposition from Germany could make it difficult to get

an accord today.
"We have our conditions, and I don't see them being fulfilled right now," the German health minister, Horst Seehofer, said following a meeting of EU health ministers where Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, argued for a rational response. Privately, British ministers accuse Bonn of a "funk", refusing to confront German public opinion.

among the scientists, who take their orders from their national governments, such The Tory chairman, Brian wavering states as Spain and the Netherlands may help block the decision under the qualified majority rules — though it could be overturned by farm ministers when they

meet next week.

British beef consumption is back to 95 per cent, while sales in Germany are 50 per cent. France, where sales are scarcely better, is supporting Britain's case that measures have been taken to cull BSE-

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'Victim' Thornton was mostly drunk

The son of Malcolm Thornton admitted yesterday that his father was hardly ever sober, and that the woman accused of killing him was trying to help him stop drinking.

Martin Thornton, aged 27, was civing evidence at the re-

was giving evidence at the re-trial of Sara Thornton, aged 41, who denies murdering her husband at their home in Ath-

June 1989.

Martin Thornton, Mr
Thornton's son by his first
marriage, told the jury at
Oxford crown court that he oxford crown court that he went to stay with him four weeks beforehand. Under cross examination from Michael Mansfield, QC, representing Sara Thornton, Mr Thornton said: "It seemed he was hardly ever sober."

Sara Thornton was not at the house to begin with, said

the court: "I disarmed her. It or even when sober." was a threat rather than any-

thing more serious." Mr Thornton described the night his father died. He had gone for a drink with Sara; in the pub she appeared in a good mood and was talking about

mood and was taking about divorcing her husband.

When he got back, his father was asleep on the living room sofa, and he went to bed. He heard Sara return. Mr Thornton said: "The next thing I heard was the cutlery drawer in the kitchen."

'I heard my father scream.

As I sot half way down the

erston, Warwickshire, in As I got half way down the stairs Sara was at the bottom. She just said: 'Martin, I have killed your father'.''

Mr Thornton denied claims

by Mr Mansfield he may have "glossed over" certain events because he did not want to

weeks beforehand. Under cross examination from Michael Mansfield, QC, representing Sara Thornton, Mr Thornton said: "It seemed he was hardly ever sober."

Sara Thornton was not at the house to begin with, said the son, because she had gone away after alleging his father assaulted her. Mr Thornton senior, aged 44 at his death and a former police inspector, was due in court on June 21 over the alleged assault.

Mr Thornton agreed his father was "drunk most of the time". On the Sunday before the killing, he heard his father say to Luise, Sara's daughter, "I'll break your fucking legs". Later that day Sara pointed a knife at him saying: "If you go near my daughter I'll kill you." He told the court: "I disarmed her. It was a fireat rather than any."

"glossed over" certain events because he did not want to remember his father as an alcoholic. He admitted Sara was chery much for my father", and had called Alcoholics Anonymous to help. He also admitted knowing she planned to feed her husband to feed her his drink problem. Earlier, the court heard from Tracey Crookston, a former lodger. "Something unsual" happened on her first day there, when Sara Thornton attacked her husband for coming home drunk and he retaliated. "I never saw Malcohn strike Sara back, apart from that first occasion." She described the defendant as "aggressive — sometimes when she had been drinking or even when sober."

The case continues.

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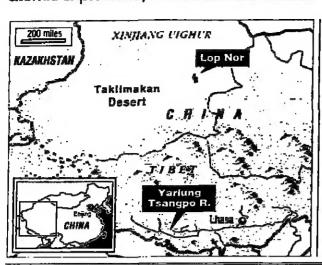
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Nuclear blasts to irrigate the desert

China claims it has big plans for 'peaceful' atomic explosions, writes David Fairhall



HINA has come up with an astonishing scheme to irrigate a desert using nuclear explosives, which it claims justifies its obdurate refusal to sup port the ban on all underground nuclear tests now being sought by the other nu-

clear powers.

As delegates gathered in Geneva this week for a final effort to draft a comprehen sive test ban treaty (CTBT), the Chinese representative, Sha Zukang, insisted that Beijing was prepared to be "flexible" on the issue of peaceful nuclear explosions. But she made it clear that China still sees a need for such "peaceful blasts", and other delegations have apparently been briefed on an audacious plan to divert water from the mountains of Tibet.

creating a 500-mile underfrom the Yarlung Tsangpo river to the Taklimakan desert in the remote north-west-ern region of Xinjiang —

The scheme would involve reating a 500-mile under-the Chinese People's Political at their nuclear programme. Consultative Conference by In fact, both the environmenthe physicist He Zuoxiu, who talists and delegates at the helped develop China's nuclear bomb, and Gong Yuzhi. ban conference are more vice-president of the central likely to be alarmed at the

United Nations-sponsored test

Radioactive contamination would not be a problem, it was argued, because the explosions would be in remote areas

which coincidentally con-tains the Lop Nor site where China still tests nuclear

An outline of the plan whose implausibility is compounded by a confusing refer-ence to the canal running west to east when it would seem to run northwards - was contained in a report from Beijing moni-tored by the BBC on April 20. ronmental pressure groups

party school. The purpose would be to grow forests in the Taklimakan desert. Radioactive contamination would not be a problem, it was argued, because the nuclear explosions would confined to barren areas.

The Chinese authorities may have calculated that the idea of making the desert idea of making the desert ban treaty that can be opened bloom would appeal to envi-

sorbing water contaminated by the long-lived plutonium and caesium by-products of an atomic explosion.

The aim of the resumed Geneva conference, which Sha Zukang says now has Beijing's full support, is to draft by June 28 a comprehensive tes

The other declared nuclear weapons states — the United States. Russia, Britain and France - have already agreed that all tests, however small, should be banned, underground as well as in the atmosphere, and have stopped testing weapons.

China is alone in still calling for an exception to be made for peaceful under-ground explosions which might be used in irrigation, mining oil exploration or "scientific research" — a term others fear would open a vast loophole for covert

"We don't want to see com-plete denial to developing economies," the Chinese rep-resentative said on Monday, arguing that the explosions could be monitored by on-site

two in September or October Belging says it needs to catch sive American and Russian

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The protest ship Green while leading the campaign against the recent French tests in the Pacific, is scheduled to sail from Auckland for Shanghai today to support the case for a comprehensive ban and protest against the continuing Chinese test

Asked for her reaction, Sha Zukang said she would dis-courage the Greenpeace "It is a waste of money and

energy," she said. "We are in favour of the objectives of

Kohl tries to keep EMU on track

or descends on resolve on monetary union as the European Commission publishes economic growth forecasts that will throw fresh doubt on whether France and Germany can meet the targets for a single currency.

Helmut Kohl and the presi dent of the European Commission, Jacques Santer, plan to make an unusual joint declaration underlining their determination to meet the 1999 deadline for monetary union set out by the Maastricht

treaty.
Although the commission was keeping the details of its economic forecasts for 1996 and 1997 under close wraps last night, they are sure to reflect the sharper than expected slowdown in almost all the European Union economies during the past 12

or 1.6 per cent — well down on earlier forecasts. The fig-ures for next year will determine which countries join the

single currency bloc.
The commission is likely to publish a range of predictions for the performance of EU countries in meeting the key Maastricht treaty single currency criteria. These include a target rate of less than 3 per cent for national budget deficits — well below the present deficits in almost all EU



United they stand: Helmut Kohl above and European Commission president



Most attention will focus on the forecasts for France and planned single currency. Before taking into account the nounced in Paris and Bonn, both countries may end up with deficits nearer 4 per cent than the EMU requirement of 3 per cent.

At a special meeting today with all 21 members of the commission, Mr Kohl will ex-press confidence that measures to cut spending announced by Bonn last month will help bring down the bud-

He believes the pro stability pact which will bind countries joining monetary union will count for more in any final decision about the single currency than whether a country is slightly above or below the target next year. "There is no doubt that the

slowdown in growth has been more severe than anyone expected and this makes it even more difficult to cut unemployment and thereby bring The average EU growth down excessive budget defiofficial said yesterday.

"Remember that although the Maastricht treaty criteria essential, they will have to be weighed against other factors when EU heads of government decide - early in 1998 - which countries are to move to the final phase of monetary union in January

The financial markets al ready appear to have dis counted some slippage by key EU countries in meeting the single currency conditions. In ing conviction on Europ and world money markets that monetary union will begin in 1999 with perhaps seven or eight of the 15 EU countries initially taking part and others following later Most experts on the single

currency believe the fact that France and Germany face similar economic problems makes talk of economic convergence and a single cur-rency more credible, not less. When Yves Thibault de Silguy, the single currency commissioner, presents the sensi-tive forecasts for growth and budget deficits today, he is certain to point to evidence

that the growth slowdown is

turning to recovery.
"The reports reaching us from both the private sector and governments in the mem-ber states [are] that the economic upturn will accelerate and could prove faster next year than we thought even quite recently," a commission

The commission is worried that the recovery, however strong, may not generate as many jobs as it was originally hoped. For that reason Mr Santer is urging EU governments, trade unions and employers to sign up for an employment conference later this year to pool forces to find work for the 18 million jobless people in the EU.



Storm victims . . . An elderly Bangladeshi man clutches his wife on a pedal rickshaw as the couple, injured in Monday's tornado, make their way to a health clinic near the village of Mantala yesterday. At least 300 people were killed in the storm, which battered large areas 100 miles north of Dhaka

French TV boss carpeted for 'chat-show image'

Paul Webster in Paris

OISONED by commer-cials and cheapened by the chase for ratings, the French state television service is at the centre of a row which threatens the future of its chairman, Jean-Pierre

Yesterday Mr Elkabbach, a veteran broadcaster ap-pointed by the Gaullist-led government in 1993, was questioned by a senate commission and the CSA, the higher audiovisual council, which controls broadcasting appointments and abuses, about what was of | nance committee, uncov-

The previous day he met staff at France 2 and France 3, the state chan-nels which compete with the independent TF1. The

employees, who recently went on strike for 10 days to win a £200 bonus, angrily demanded an explana-tion for the expenditure of more than £125 million on independent production companies run by six leading entertainers and chat show hosts. A scandal has been inev-

itable since Alain Griotteray, a rightwing MP on the national assembly fi-

ficially described as "irre- ered "inexplicable errors of | developed by TF1. Al- over three years, and even | by documentaries, but they sponsible management". | management" in state | though France 2, with aver- | advanced the money to set | have received only a tenth television

Behind the accusation lies a debate on policy changes which have forced France 2 to seek 45 per cent of its finance from commercials. Advertising has doubled in four years to an annual 540 hours, but France 2 has been attacked for neglecting documentaties and other serious programmes to promote variety and chat shows to eat

into TF1's audience. After a private meeting with Mr Elkabbach, journalists said that even news bulletins were based on the audience-attracting themes

age ratings of nearly 25 per cent, has steadily reduced TF1's audience share to

"This disaster is not bad luck," he said. "Contracts are negotiated by the chairman and his praetorian guard, two former asso-ciates of the Italian Berlusconi group, and are drawn up in secrecy in a private Paris accountant's office."

up his company. The firm has since announced a profit of more than 20 per quality and cash has been exhorbitant, Mr Griotteray

Mr Elkabbach signed con-tracts with an independent producer, Jean-Luc De-larue, for about £50 million

had to pay high fees to com-pets with TF1, though the latter's payments to its va-riety and chat show hosts

advanced the money to set

cost hardly a third of Mr Elkabbach's contracts. The chairman is also being asked to explain why his programming policy resulted, in several cases, in advertising revenue falling well below the cost of the shows.

ences have been attracted cent to 18 per cent.

have received only a tenth Journalists pointed out that the station was paying Mr Elkabbach says he about 2600 a minute for overseas news reporting, about a third of the cost of a Paris-produced chat show

whose guests appeared for nothing. France 8, which gets a bigger share of the £87 licence fee and needs to raise only a quarter of its revenue from advertising, has not been under the same pressure to lower tandards and its audience Some of the biggest audi- share has risen from 11 per

Supreme court rejects 'unfair to blacks' defence in crack cocaine appeals

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

HE United States supreme THE United States supreme court has rejected the ar-gument that blacks are unfairly prosecuted for crack cocaine offences, ruling that criminal activities may have

By eight to one, the judges overturned two rulings which allowed defendants to present figures showing blacks are more often charged with particular crimes.

Instead, a defence of racial

The lucky ones among us, Kazuo Ishiguro says, begin

our lives cradled in deception. It is what every good

world is a stable, safe and morally ordered place -

other races receive more le-nient treatment. | contrary, he said, figures showed that ethnic groups Civil rights leaders, including the Rev Jesse Jackson, have attacked drug laws which they say discriminate racially. Sale and possession of crack attract tougher penalties than similar offences involving cocaine. As a result far more blacks are in prison on drug offences than

whites, although the numbers of offenders are much closer. Chief Justice William Rehnquist disputed a Los Angeles judge's presumption that Instead, a defence of racial "people of all races commit bias must now show that all types of crime". On the of crack cocaine."

often dominated particular crimes. While blacks accounted for 90 per cent of fed-eral crack convictions in 1994, whites accounted for 93 percent of LSD drug convictions. He said 91 per cent of those convicted of pornography and prostitution were white, but added: "Large-scale inter-state trafficking networks controlled by Jamaicans, Haitian and American black street gangs dominate the manufacture and distribution

Although the economic argument recognises that placks more often use crack, because it is cheaper than powdered cocaine, the preferred drugs of poor whites are the products of illicit rural "meth factories".

Nora Manella, a federal attorney in Los Angeles, welparent offers their child — freedom to believe that the comed the ruling. "It effectively puts to rest the simplistic view that the predominance of one race suggests a racist prosecution," she said. "This is no more true than saying the numbers of old balding white males in financial fraud cases suggests

to free Western hostages held by separatists John Aglionby in Jekarta

THE indonesian army said yesterday that it had launched an operation to free the 11 people, including four Britons, held hostage by sepa-ratist guerrillas in the remote

province of Irian Jaya since

January 8.

Lieutenant-General Suyono, the army's chief of general affairs, said the operation began as soon as the army took responsibility for the crisis from the International Committee of the Red Cross

last Thursday. He said the efforts of the ICRC and local church leaders had been neither satisfactory nor convincing. Indonesia's special forces

stormed the village of Geselema, in the Jayawijaya regency 2,500 miles east of Ja-karta, less than four hours after the Free Papua Movement (OPM) and the ICRC broke off efforts to secure the release of the hostages. The army found only fresh

footprints.
"Special forces teams are now in pursuit of the GPK," Gen Suyono said, using the

The government has

Indonesian army begins operation in Irian Jaya

refused to negotiate with the Sources say the rebels num-

sources say the rebels number about 20 and are armed with guns. Their leaders, Kelly Kwalik and Daniel Kygoya, are divided: Mr Kygoya wants to free the captives but has been overruled by Mr Kwalik, who is demanding independent. who is demanding independence for Irian Jaya.

Irian Jaya, formerly the Dutch colony of West Papua, was ceded to Indonesia in a United Nations-sponsored deal in 1963.

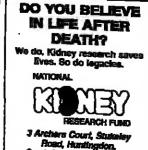
Charles Gray, deputy head of mission at the British embassy in Jakarta, said: "We are in extremely close touch with the Indonesians over their efforts to secure the release of the hostages." He refused to speculate how long it might take to resolve the crisis or say whether there were still any British security

personnel in Irian Jaya. The British defence attaché and two Scotland Yard hostage experts have been in the province liaising with the

Indonesians. The four Britons are Daniel government's acronym for all | Start, aged 21, William Oates

separatist organisations in | 22, Annette van der Kolk, 21, and Anna McIvor, 20. They were on a Cambridge University expedition to the Lorentz nature reserve when they were seized with 22 others, including two Dutch and a German. The German and 14 In-

donesians have been released. Martha Klein, a Dutch captive, is seven months pregnant. Sources close to the rescue said last week that she and the other hostages were in "as good in health as can be expected". The hunt for the kidnappers is hampered by the fact Irian Jaya has some of the world's most rugged



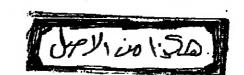
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and offers it knowing it to be a lie.



For nine days, almost 4,000 people fleeing the militia war in Liberia were adrift at sea on dilapidated ships, in search of sanctuary

Their plight highlights the growing barriers encountered by those trying to escape zones of conflict around the world



Liberian refugees crowd the decks of the cargo ship Bulk Challenge as it sailed from the capital Monrovia on Sunday with 3,000 refugees. The desperate people preferred their chances on the ill-equipped ship, which had almost no water, than risk militia violence at home PHOTOGRAPH CHADIMATAR

Aid agencies fear mass sea exodus

Aeggle O'Kane

NTERNATIONAL aid for dehydration." agencies are preparing for a mass exodus of des-perate Liberians and other west African nationals living in Liberia, after thou-sands of rafugees, fleeing by sea to escape the militia war, were allowed temporary refuge in neighbouring states

yesterday.
Two cargo ships were finally allowed to land: the Bulk Challenge, with about 3,000 on board, docked in Ghana; and the smaller Victory Reefer, with 900 on board, in Sierra Leone.

barking were delirious from sunstroke, dehydrated and weakened by outbreaks of malaria and messles. The Li-berians, including hundreds of children, had opted for the sun-baked steel decks of the ships — which had virtually no water — rather than risk

A Médecins Sans Frontières official said: 'There could be a mass exodus. That is what all the agencies are preparing for. We don't know if the news that this first exodus has been a half success will send a signal to the people left behind that it's

worth trying to get out."

Ghana and Sierra Leone allowed the ships to dock after days of negotiations. In-ternational pressure and promises of foreign funds finally led to both govern-ments agreeing to allow the desperate passengers, who had rioted on one ship, to

Médicins Sans Frontières reported three deaths on the Bulk Challenge. Three of the agency's doctors who man-aged to board the ship have treated hundreds for malaris. measles and diarrhoea. The single crew toilet was broken

single crew toller was broken and the passengers were forced to defecate on deck. "These are not passenger ships," said Anne-Marie Huby of Médicins Sans Fron-tières "They have few facilitières. "They have few facili-ties for human beings. In the beginning people tried to stay out of the sun, but the cargo holds just got too hot and they had to scramble out on to the decks. People are delirious from sunstroke and as well as

the three deaths there have been numbers of pregnant women who need treatment

Fears that this could be the beginning of a bigger flight by Liberlans were heightened when witnesses in the capital,
Monrovia, reported thousands of people massing at the
harbour yesterday to try to
board another cargo ship.
The harbour was cordoned

off, but it was unclear whether people would be held Anne Leniel, the deputy co-ordinator of Médecins Sans

Frontières in Ivory Coast, who is in radio contact with agency's doctors treating the refugees, said one of the biggest problems for the medics was that desperate people had been trying to drink sea water on the ship.

"Things got even more com-plicated because that caused more sickness, vomiting and dehydration," she said. Last night at the Ghanaian

aign of previous days' rioting for food and scramble for water. "People are so exhausted that it's all happencapital Abidjan. "All the people have disembarked and are being screened by the Ghanaians now. They were scattered around various

Victory Reefer, the fishing boat allowed to dock in Free-town, capital of Sierra Leone, had been at sea for seven days with 600 adults and 300 children on board. Most of them were originally from Sierra Leone, but living in Liberia. It was less crowded, but a Médecins Sans Frontières memo to its London office reported that "everything is a mess, the people are

For four days, aid agencies supplied water to the refugees while military and police boarded and initially ordered the ship's captain to take the ship back out to sea from

ing very very quietly," said of 50 people for fever and mea-Médecins Sans Frontière's sles. On Monday we treated French office in Ivory Coast's 100 people," the memo said.

May 14: Ghane agrees to accept 3,000 refugees on Bulk Challenge. Passengers taken ashore at Takoradi port. May 12-13: Ship allowed into Takoradi twice due to technical

reported dead.

May 8: Ship rejected by Ivory Coast after leaving Morrovia on May 5.

Amnesty International and

Amnesty International and other human rights groups have condemned a plan by Panama's ruling Democratic Revolutionary Party to pardon nearly 1,000 of the worst human rights offenders during the dictatorship of General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The measure is part of an

its most prominent supporters. — New York Times.

Coalition verdict

Turkey's constitutional court

May 14: The fishing boat, Victory Reefer, with 900 Victory Reefer, with 900 refugees aboard, allowed into

May 13-14: 3,000 people try to board a freighter sailing from Monrovia to Guisses.

Refugees from Liberta

huge numbers of foreigners seeking shelter here. But it ordered the government to relax some elements of the controversial 1993 law.

The constitutional court, replying to five test cases brought by failed asylum-seekers who fear being persecuted if they are sent home, ruled that the law introduced

The law ended Germany's open-door policy for asylum-seekers — a guarantee written into its post-war constitu tion as atonement for Nazi racial persecution. The policy

Although Germany remains by far the biggest absorber of asylum-seekers in western Europe, the law introduced a number of obstacles which have resulted in a huge drop in the numbers applying for

refuge.
Last year there were fewer than a third of the asylum applications made in 1992. There has also been a sharp fall in the anti-foreigner vio-lence by rightwing extremists which surged after reunifica-tion in 1990.

Under the old laws, only about 4 per cent of asylum ap-plications were granted, but the cost of putting up refugees during lengthy appeals created a huge welfare burden.

Widespread resentment. stoked by anti-foreigner par-ties, contributed to a wave of which culminated in the mur-der of five Turks in Solingen ruling came as a relief to the ment to prevent abuse of this government. Chancellor Kohl provision to avoid "chain deportations".
"The ruling on third countries is the most restricsaid he was "very satisfied" and the opposition Social Democrats said the verdict was "balanced". tive in western Europe," a

Refugee agencies were critical Judith Kumin, the representative in Bonn of the United Nations High Commis sioner for Refugees, said the ruling would have "a serious and extensive impact on international refugee protection, since Germany is the most important asylum country in

Europe".
"The UNHCR is disap-

The most contentious part of the law is the provision for deporting asylum-seekers to "safe" third countries meaning a non-native country or countries the asylumseeker has passed through en route to Germany. The court ruled that such

Africa hardens heart on asylum

creased difficulty in finding asylum, according to offi-cials of the United Nations High Commissioner for

"The concept of asylum has been coming under in-creasing strain in recent years, both in the devel-oped and the devloping world," said Rupert Col-ville of the UNHCR.

The 3,000 people fleeing Liberia on the Bulk Chal-lenge were allowed into Ghana yesterday only after Accra received guarantees munity would provide money for their care. Be-fore that, the Liberians and others on board had been turned away by the Ivory Coast, which has tradition-

refugees. Elsewhere in Africa, barriers are going up. Since the flight of hundreds of thousands of Rwandans during the 1994 massacres, Tanzania — which for the past 30 years has taken in refugees from Burundi, Uganda and Mozambique its citizens complaining of increased robbery and environmental damage because of the refugees. Fernando Del Mundo

Africa specialist at the UN, said the continent had a most welcoming in the world towards refus

"In the last year the asylum regime throughout Africa has suffered great setbacks for the first time." A similar bardening of at-titudes has been apparent in Europe. From the first days of the conflict in former Yugoslavia west European countries imposed strict visa regimes for Bos-nians. Most who excaped their country denied formal refugee status but given "temporary protec-tion", without employment or social benefits rights.

Some European states, such as France, have devised other ways of restricting asylum-seekers. Paris now says it will only offer asylum to those fleeing per-Algerian journalists, hun-dreds of whom have al-ready been killed by Islamist extremists, have been denied asylum.

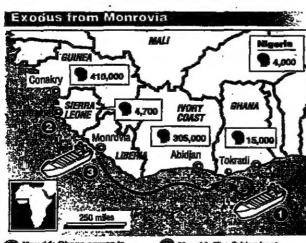
But while they are reluctant to let refugees in, Western capitals spend nearly £10 billion a year to ensure that they are looked after in camps close to their homes. The main concern seems to be to ensure that they are kept off the television screens and away from western Europe itself.

Tough German refuge laws upheld

ERMANY'S highest court yesterday unheld tougher asylum laws aimed at defusing neo-Nazi violence and curbing the

government was not unconstitutional.

vided oral rehydration. Two sick people were taken off the ship. On Sunday we treated 20 people for malaria and a total



problems and need for supplies, but

then sent out of port. Three people

Presport. "It became clear that the commander would not sail. People started fighting for every food item that came on

the media on the grounds that

report by two charity workers

appointed to observe the oper-ation said two people were handcuffed but there was no

Hong Kong has deported

serious resistance

they have become routine. A

HE Hong Kong govern ment flew home 118 Vietnamese asylumseekers yesterday, stepping up its deportation of boat

people.
The 76 adults and 42 chil-

Nearly 1,000 police and prison officers searched Whitehead yesterday and ar-Whitehead yesterday and ar-rested 22 adults and 13 juve-niles allegedly involved in the riots that accompanied the breakout. Hong Kong radio said 2,457 homemade weapons were seized. It did not de-scribe them, but those seen during the riots were mostly spears and clubs.

climbed on rooftops in pro-test, but descended peacefully when the search ended, the radio said.



spokesman for Amnesty In-

Ms Kumin said the court had ignored pleas for asylum-

seekers to be allowed to con-

test on a case-by-case basis the alleged safety of third

countries. "The asylum-seeker, de-

ported from Germany into so-

called safe third countries,

often has problems there

gaining access to a refugee

The court ruled that asylum-seekers arriving by

air may stay for seven days and be guaranteed access to

legal advice. At present, they

can be deported to third

countries from airport deten

tion centres within three

ternational said.

status procedure

In exile: An old man in a Hong Kong refugee camp

returned voluntarily. The 17,500 in Hong Kong's camps were among those who began fleeing Vietnam after the US-backed South Vietnam

injured. Yesterday's deportees came to Hong Kong from northern Vietnam, mostly in 1988 and 1989, a government statement said. They were not involved in the disturbances. Deportations are closed to

dren were the first to go under an accelerated programme to send home 600 Vietnamese in the next two weeks. Their deportation was the first since Friday's mass breakout by up to 120 inmates of the Whitehead detention centre, 91 of whom have been

About 300 Vietnamese

The police fired about 2,000 rounds of tear gas during the weekend, and said the rioters burned 53 cars and 26 huts. They said 43 security officers

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World news in brief

De Klerk's party quits in provinces

South Africa's opposi-tion National Party said yesterday it would leave eight of the country's nine provin-cial cabinets, remaining only in the Western Cape adminis tration, where it has a majority. "We are not leaving out of

anger. We are leaving out of principle." said F. W. de Klerk, the party leader. "It remains the NP's firm position that we need, centrally and in each province, a consensus-seeking mechanism."
The party announced last week that it was withdrawing from President Mandela's unity government because the new constitution did not entrench consensus govern-ment. The government had

been due to last until 1999.
Mr De Klerk said the party
would stay in the Western Cape government and consider rejoining a KwaZulu-Natal government of unity if the province's draft constitution, which made provision for a consensus-seeking mechanism, was ratified. — Reuter.

Moscow confirms British 'spies' will have to go

DUSSIA'S foreign ministry said yesterday that
Moscow stood by its decision to expel the British
diplomats it accuses of operating a spy ring in Russia. It declined to say when gory Karasiu, a ministry the incident. The situation spokesman, said.

Russia's Federal Security ... It is a typical action by Service ordered nine Brit-ish diplomats to leave a week ago. Mr Karasin said he believed no official fig-nres of those to be expelled the envoys would leave.

week ago. Mr Karasin said he believed no official figures of those to be expelled had been released.

Apparently keen to avoid harming Russian-British relations, he played down "The decisions taken remain in force and we are implementing them through diplomatic channels," Gri-

Panama starts
amnesty row
Amnesty International and description should remain in place.—Reuter.

Surf's up again France's top Internet providers ended an eight-day strike resterilary after the telecom-munications minister, Fran-cois Fillon, said they could not be blamed for child pornography. The Association of French Internet Professionals

want to force a legal debate on

The measure is part of an effort by the party, which Gen Noriega once controlled, to cleanse the records of some of Recorder found United States federal safety

lysing the data yesterday after a diver stumbled on it in the wreckage of Saturday's Valu-Jet crash in the Florida Everglades which killed all 109 on board - Reuter.

special services ensuring the security of their

UN expert quits Yozo Yokota, the United Nations human rights expert investigating violations in Burma, has quit because of constant battle for funds for

his work, a UN spokesman said yesterday.—AP. Arafat visit

Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, is to visit London on June 34 for meetings with John Major and other politi-Turkey's constitutional court said yesterday that the confical leaders, it was announced

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A bomb in the laboratory

The forensic service has cut too many corners

which cannot be seen by the naked eye. ited efficiency". Then there were the were quashed when even the Director of Public Prosecutions concluded that the forensic evidence on which the unsatisfactory: the first tests for traces of nitroglycerine were conducted by an 18-year-old trainee and a second confirmatory test which proved negative was never disclosed to the court. Now the service has disclosed that a high-tech military laboratory which it has been using for explosive traces tests could have been operating an already contaminated machine for seven years. It beggars belief. The Home Secretary conceded yesterday that evidence from the Forensic Explosives Laboratory, which has carried out all forensic tests on terrorist bombings since 1989, could have been used in about 12 cases which resulted in convictions. These cases will be independently examined to see whether the evidence could have been affected by the contamination. The IRA could hardly have dreamed of a better propaganda coup.

Yesterday's statement from the Home Secretary raises far more questions than it answers. He reported that traces of the explosive RDX - a substance found in Semtex - were discovered by accident in a centrifuge, a crucial piece of machinery used in the analysis of bomb case evidence. The machine had been bought second-hand in 1989. Officials have been unable to trace its origins. In the understatement of the year, Michael Howard explained that jury.

THEY are meant to be an elite - | "by normal standards, the amount of scientists who can identify evidence explosive detected was tiny but nevertheless it should not have been there." Yet once more the forensic service is Naturally, the Home Secretary believed wracked by scandal. First there was Dr | the chance of the machine contaminat-Frank Skuse, the forensic scientist who | ing evidence was only "a small theoretihelped convict the Birmingham Six, cal possibility" but even he has recog-who was forced to resign by the Home nised that expert independent Office in 1985 on the grounds of "lim- assessment will be needed. He has called in the Professor of Forensic Maguire Seven, whose convictions Science at Strathclyde University, Brian Caddy, to assess and report on the likelihood of contamination. Just why the laboratory took seven years to convictions were based, was unsafe and discover the contamination was not explained by the Home Secretary. Experts at the laboratory privately admit-ted yesterday that although regular checks were made of work surfaces and floors, it had never been thought necessary to test the equipment itself. Even a Mrs Mop would not be satisfied with that explanation.

This latest blow to the forensic service has links with earlier scandals. The centrifuge was bought in the same year that the all-party Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs concluded that the service was over-worked, under-funded and suffering from unprecedently low morale. The call in 1989 was for a more independent forensic service, available to both defence and prosecution - a call which was echoed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice in 1993. The defence does have more access than in 1989 but the service, which has agency status, remains firmly under the control of the Home Office. The under-funding of which MPs complained in 1989 continues with the service's seven laboratories due to be reduced to four. Forensic science is an expensive business. It needs care and attention. The scientists in the Forensic Explosives Laboratory were clearly cutting corners. If you cannot keep a clean lab, you are never going to convince a

Why MPs should kick bad habits

Genuine parliamentary reform will restore public confidence

THOUGH sometimes highly technical, is right that procedural changes could the reform of Parliament is not in the also take the yahoo factor out of these end a technical issue at all. It is at the occasions. Her pledge to alter "the heart of the need to reconstruct public whole nature and tone" of Question confidence in our representative insti- Time during the next Parliament cantutions. It is about giving people the come too soon. confidence that a good and honest job is Yet Parliament is publishes his second report on standards in public life, another crucial part of the same continuing process of reconstruction. Yesterday the Labour Party published its proposals for procedural reform of the House of Commons. Though there is no direct overlap between the contents of the two initiatives, both have to be seen as part of the same process, cleaning up British politics for the 21st century.

Announcing her plans yesterday, Labour's Ann Taylor showed a welcome awareness of the scale of the task and seriousness of the context. Against that background it may seem strange that her list of proposals concentrated first on the reform of Question Time, a part of the parliamentary process with no bearing whatever on parliament's ostensible primary function of legislation. Yet Question Time reform matters because it is Parliament's calling card. It is the bit that people see on television, and the bit by which they judge the whole. Most MPs know this and would like to change it. The simplest way of doing that, as a restrained and constructive Prime Minister's Question Time vesterday afternoon exemplified,

Yet Parliament is primarily a legislabeing done. Tomorrow, Lord Nolan tive assembly. Certainly it produces too many laws — eighteen Education Acts in 17 years is a disgraceful record and the process is too confrontational and insufficiently ameliorative. There is no other answer except to produce fewer bills and allow more discussion of them. Mrs Taylor's endorsement of a pre-legislative consultation period, and her support for so-called "roll-over" procedures (allowing bills to be carried over from one session to the next) are not only welcome answers to this problem, but would help to offset some of the inevitable problems which will accompany Labour's heavy legislative programme of constitutional reform.

In the end, MPs need to be genuinely creative about using parliamentary reform to restore public confidence in their proceedings. That confidence will only come when people feel instinctively sympathetic to what they see. hear or read from the Chamber or from the committee rooms. That will not happen while MPs keep silly hours, enjoy excessive holidays or use such obscure language. Parliamentarians want to be taken seriously, and rightly. But they must show greater urgency in abandoning the habits which do so lies in MPs' own hands. But Mrs Taylor | much to alienate so many people.

Not only did it hurt, it didn't work

The problem with the new Conservative slogan is that it isn't true

"YES IT hurt. Yes it worked." say the Conservative Party's latest Maurice Saatchi-inspired posters, unveiled yesterday. Let us hope that our welcome visitor Jacques Chirac does not see them. For the slogan would doubtless confirm the French nation in its longheld stereotype about les rosbifs. Even in party politics, it seems, there is an essential place for le vice anglais.

"Yes it hurt. Yes it worked" is a slogan which might have been devised for a This England column. It absolutely sums up an English upper-class view of the world. It is the slogan of character-forming cold showers, of compulsory cross-country runs, of short sharp shocks, of social discipline enforced through corporal punishment, of the philosophy of "this may hurt now but you'll be grateful in the years to come" and of the entire sadistic culture | with the reward. That has not been the which lurks behind so much of English | case this time. Yes it hurt. But only for

It would be easier to take the new Conservative slogan more seriously if it were true. But who has made the sacrifices? And who has got the rewards? Not the same people at all. There is not much reward for the longterm jobless, the homeless, the deceived pensioners, or the prisoners of negative equity. And it is bizarre to say that things are working when British Gas can blithely threaten to sack 10,000 people. The slogan's subtext calls to mind the irony of the wartime poster which exhorted: Your sacrifice can bring us victory.

This is not to denigrate the undoubted spirit of sacrificial fellowship among the British people. This nation has often been prepared to put up with temporary hardship in order to win a permanent common benefit. But the hurt has always had to be shared along some. And it didn't work either.



The Euro-express rolls on A volley of gunfire over Labour's proposal to control firearms

on failure?, Arena, May 13) think the spectre of a single currency leaves something to be desired. They single out the Maastricht criteria of a 3 per cent limit on public borrowing as a propor-tion of GDP for special com-ment as an obvious evil.

But is it really so bad? That 3 per cent figure wasn't picked out of a hat. If a member state grows on average at a pleasant 2.5 per cent, then to stick to the Maastricht condition of a 60 per cent debt-to-GDP ratio (a bit more than the current UK figure which is around 50 per cent) we need a PSBR of around 1.5 per cent With modest inflation of 2.5 per cent we can relax this a bit, as inflation erodes the value of debt; to 3 per cent, as

So if Simpson and Hines and the 50 Labour MPs think 3 per cent is too low, they either mean the national debt should be greater than 60 per cent of GDP, or they think 2.5 per cent inflation is too low. Which one is it, then? (Prof) Simon Price. Department of Economics

City University, Northampton Square London EC1V 0HB.

YOUR leader (May 9) claims: "For the past two years the pound has been remarkably stable against the Deutschmark". Maybe we have diverging concepts of stability. On that day, the pound bought 2.30 DM. So et's take that as a base value. If I remember correctly, it was around 2.60 DM two

Bad behaviour

WHILE covering at my school for an absent

member of staff I came across

pupil in Year 7 who is be-

coming unteachable. Fortu-

nately, we have a system whereby such pupils can be removed from the classroom

by a senior member of staff. This boy, only 12 and slight.

left my presence with this somewhat chilling message: "When the men in white coats

come with the police to take

me away for murder — it'll be you I've murdered." The boy

equally unacceptbale and

began throwing chairs

LAN Simpson and years ago, May 1994, giving a Colin Hines (Banking 6.32 per cent annual devaluation failure? Arena May tion over the period. Or four years ago, in the heady summer after the last general election, 2.95 DM, a compound devaluation of 6.42 per cent.

In the spring of 1989, it stood at 3.30 DM, giving a devaluation of 5.11 per cent per

valuation of 5.11 per cent per annum. Whereas at Christmas, 1971, I as a student bought a pound for 8.32 DM, compound 5.39 per cent annual devaluation. So maybe you are right in terms of devaluation against the DM, the last two years

don't really stand out so very much, but as a period of stability they were truly Thomas Sippel-Dau. 4 St Andrews Mansions.

London W14 9SU.

Colin Matthews (Letters F Colin Matthews (Letters, May 10) thinks we haven't given any thought to the wider issues of monetary union, maybe he would like to comment on the following. Monetary union means more centralisation of power.

If you have one currency you must also have one set of financial levers (interest rates, etc). We cannot have 15 countries with one currency and 15 interest-rate policies. This means centralisation of power, probably to a central

I do not favour an unelected central bank full of monetarists enforcing a perpetual eco-nomic orthodoxy, and I do not believe that 15 countries with | Union? varying economic strengths A Calvert.
and with varying degrees of 127 Cornwallis Avenue. and with varying degrees of 127 Cornwallis A enthusiasm for the European Aylesham, Kent.

ideal can agree on a single Glenn Little. 33 Wycliffe Road Northampton NN1 5JQ.

AW DRURY said (Letters, May 13) that before submitting to a second currency reform he wants "at least some reciprocal harmonisation from our European

partners". While in Britain we complain about having to buy a can of a soft drink measured in grams rather than fluid ounces, our partners on mainland Europe are in school, learning the international language of business -

learn the language of our con-tinental partners? It's about time that we realised that the European Union is not a conspiracy to humiliate the UK but an attempt at compromise that often benefits us. Tim McKane. 6 Willesden Park,

What outcry would ensue if we were told that to conduct business in Europe we had to

Belfast BT9 5GX.

"intense information campaign", by any chance related to the European Movement which assured the electorate in 1974 that a vote for the EEC was a vote only for a trade relationship, and that there was no intention whatsoever of moving towards European

competitive pistol shooting for three years. I represent Wiltshire at county level and harbour a desire to represent my country by the year 2000. The Labour Party's proposed legislation to outlaw all handguns other than those capable of firing a single round of .22 calibre ammunition (Logbooks for gun owners pro-posed by Straw, May 14) will put an end to such plans.

Jack Straw is extremely myopic to assume that firearms cannot be enjoyed for sporting purposes. Would be consider extending the pro-posed ban to encompass other sports such as rifle shooting, javelin and archery? My gravest concern is that the Labour Party is seeking a cheap, quick-win solution by "barning the guns". I am fearful that the party is demonstrating to the public that it is not prepared to tackle the much more complex issue of why someone such as Thomas Hamilton commits such an outrage as Dunblane.

The proposed legislation will not prevent future killings, whether with a firearm, a bread-knife, or a seven iron. terrorist activity.

E W Buresh. Salisbury, Wiltshire.

F GUN control comes about from Labour's proposals or in knee-jerk action by the Government, this would mainly address the questions of the legal ownership and use of guns. Far more serious are their illegal ownership

HAVE been involved in | and use, and registration systems will do little to solve them. Unless sentencing policies for ownership, carrying and use of unregistered guns are seen to be a sufficient deterrent then firearms crimes will continue unabated.

Useful starting points for testing of the effectiveness of deterrence sentences could be minimum non-parole sentences of five years for illegal ownership, 10 years for carry-

ing, and 20 years for use. A serious start has to be made somewhere to stop the use of firearms by criminals. Unless the politicians are seen to act positively, the pub-lic cry for capital punishment for the most serious firearms offences may well become irresistible. John Storey.

Bury Road, Edenfield, Bury

USED to be an enthusiastic handgum shooter and repre-sented the UK in international competition using a semi-automatic multi-shot weapon. Yet I can see no logical reason for any private individual to ARE Ernest Wistrich and a bread-knife, or a seven iron own a nanagum Laubur some distriction of allowing individuals to have only 22 single-part of their reduce armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduce armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduce armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduce armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduce armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduces armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduces armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduces armed robbery or uals to have only 22 single-part of their reduces armed robbery or under the reduces are the robbery or under the reduces are the robbery or under the robbery or un shot pistols is reasonable and sustainable.

Once upon a time most boys played with toy guns but the majority grew out of it. It is time the shooting community also grew up, realised that handguns are an unacceptable risk and accepted a total ban. Mike Humphrey. Westcliff on Sea,

Peter Mandelson's interests

Essex SSO.

AM yet again astonished by him by the self-styled media the Guardian Diary's inabil- guru. I hear that Mr Mandelity to get its facts straight. I would be grateful if you would point out to your Diary staff that my trip to South-East Asia was properly recorded in the Register of Members' Interests on the day I returned to Britain (April 16). Sir Gordon Downey's office are happy to confirm this and the registered entry will be published in the normal way.

Peter Mandelson MP. London SWIA DAA

angry with Gordon Brown over his rubbishing of propos-als to boost public expenditure. I hear that Mr Brown has not spoken to Peter Mandelson for 18 months because of a supposed vendetta against

wrong image. I hear that Mr Prescott holds little regard for Tony Blair. And nobody seems to like Harriet Harman I am just an active Labour Party member who attends meetings, canvasses, and gives money to this august body. A preponderance of career politicians and the ab-sence of political discourse has allowed a vacuum in which this infantile type of personality politics can take root. Would it be too much to ask that the squabbling over the prize starts after the elec-

son has no time for John Pres-

cott, who he thinks has the

tion, and that our aspiring leaders grow up? Colin Adkins. 55b Kingscourt Road. London SW16 LJA.

HEAR that Robin Cook is

A Country Diary

ISLES OF SCILLY: The | nearly 200 years ago as the Tamar Valley is verdant and full of blossom but coastal land in the far west of Cornwall, between Mousehole and Penberth, appears bleached and dry with foaming black-thorn dominating cliff gardens once cultivated with violets and early potatoes. Beyond the Runnel Stone buoy, a solitary swallow flies towards land whilst below deck, in Scillonia's lounge, a duo from Padstow sing of Maggie May and Row Boat-men Row. After a sunlit voy-by Tom Chudleigh and, since age across only slightly the 1980s many more have Mary's and board a launch to from Cornish narrow-leafed join the flottilla following final elm, fastened by copper nails. The new 32ft boats are of Championships. Over 40 lighter construction than the brightly coloured gigs, each with six carsmen and a cox, less suitable for rough have made their way out to Nut Rock off Sampson From ing races across open water of The Roads, backed by Tresco's white beaches and the second sec co's white beaches and a myriad of islets and emerging rocks fringed and covered in seaweed. Gigs originated

work boats of sea-folk around Cornwall and the Scillies. These speedy, clinker-built boats can be rowed or sailed and carried pilots seeking ships entering south-west waters. They were also used for salvage, smuggling and rescue. In the 1950s, Scilly and Newquay rowing clubs began gig restoration includ-ing the Bonnet, built in 1830 for St Martins' pilots and still racing today. The first new choppy sea we berth at St been commissioned; built weather. Since 1990 the championships have attracted ville, is named after the Tamar waterwoman who died at Saltash in 1880.

VIRGINIA SPIERS



WELL, I JUST SORT OF DRIFTED INTO BEING A MONARCH AFTER SE MY FATHER DISD

Family fortunes on the box

was brought back shortly be-fore the lunchtime bell, by suggestion (Thanks for the cultural capital, Dad, May 13) that the children of TV people which time the class was being supervised by another member of staff. This col-league found his behaviour become TV people themselves because of the who-they-know factor. I rebut it, not because our daughter, Samantha Nor-man, "daughter of Barry (himself son of Ealing film diwhen she kept him behind he around the room.

This member of staff and rector Leslie)". was men-tioned as one of them, but be-cause Ms Coward upholds a conspiracy theory where

myself are both young, female and under 5ft 2in. In normal circumstances we have little or no trouble even with big there is no conspiracy. Yet we are not trained social workers or educational psy-chologists. It is time local authority panels and school governors realised that there are pupils in schools who simply cannot be taught in an every day classroom situation. Name and address supplied.

WHY did you publish the advertisement "The Mes-sage of the Leader of the Mus-lim Umman" (May 14)? Are you not aware of the recent EU Justice and Home Affairs Ministers' Joint Action to fight racism and renophobia, signed by Michael Howard? Under this, the UK has agreed to punish certain types of behaviour, notably:

· Public incitement to discrimination, violence or racial hatred in respect of a person's colour, race, religion or national or ethnic origin; and Public dissemination or distribution of tracts, pictures or other material with expressions of racism or xenophobia. Forest Drive West,

London E11.

MUST rebut Ros Coward's and, if she's got talent, proba-suggestion (Thanks for the cultural capital, Dad, May 13) sorbed much of the necessary

technique with her cereal. If she's got talent. She may have been pointed towards the doors to knock on — though no more than by studying the BBC or Artists' and Writers' Year Book — but, believe me,

competent than the next girl. The hereditary principle applies all over. You'll find It would be so easy if there were. There'd have been a generations of the same fam-ily on the stage (the Redshort cut to the years graves, the Cusacks), in poli-Samantha and her sister, tice, the law, rowing and Emma, spent as struggling north-country wrestling. Exfreelance journalists learning cept in north-country wrestheir trade. I daresay Emma Forbes. Caron Keating, Emma Freud etc would have got to where they are sooner if it were just a matter of their Stevenage, Hertfordshire \$G3.

fathers buying someone a pink gin and saying: "Give the sprog a job, old boy."

It doesn't work like that.
What does work is the unconscious motivation that starts almost as soon as they pop out of the womb, the family discussion at every Sunday lunch about what's good presentation/writing/production and what isn't. It's the same effect that made Nigel Clough able to dribble a foot-ball as soon as he could drib-G Thomas ble down his bib. It's why doc-

became a writer instead of a truck driver. It's not nepotism, it's nurture. In the old days a blacksmith's son became a blacksmith. A TV presenter's

medicine. Why Martin Amis

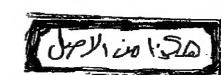
tling, you get spattered with a nicer class of mud. Diana Norman.

in this hard world, she won't get inside unless she's more

ROS COWARD'S excellent summary of the mediocracy omitted one quite remarkable example on a recent programme that excels itself in "family" entertainment. During the final stages of the recent series of Count-down, the little-known Martin Jarvis alternated each day with his even lesser known wife. Family entertainment

52 Delancey Street, tors' children often go in for London NW1 7RY.

Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number. We may add letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot daughter wants to get into TV | acknowledge those not used.



Diary Matthew Norman

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trol firearms

ROM the yet-to-beopened Severn bridge comes news of British comes news of British policing at its majestic best. Last Sunday, in protest at the bridge being motorway and thus closed to bikes, Mr Lyn Davies cycled over it, covered in balloons, in the hope of getting some attention. However, no one was tion. However, no one was there, and having sprayed a slogan on a bit of steel and taken a label from a packing case a specific from a packing case as proof of his visit. Mr Davies departed. Only then was he noticed, by two policemen, and this is when the fun began. The 48-year-old engineer, a member of Friends of the Park. Friends of the Earth, was taken to Newport nick, where Special Branch offi-cers told him he was "a suspected terrorist". Held overpected terrorist". Held over-night, he was not released until a trained team had searched his house the next day. Mr Davies will appear before the Chepstow beak on before the Chepstow beak on June 18 on two charges — criminal damage (the spraying) and — wait for it — theft (the label!). The police explanation for this saga is that, with Prince Charles opening the bridge on June 5, they were rightly worried about bombs. Ah yes, of course. Multi-coloured balloons, with cycling slogans with cycling slogans scrawled on in felt tip . . . so that's what the well-dressed terrorist is wearing this sum-mer. Helmets off, gentlemen, and peaked caps aloft.

ET more evidence of rising standards of police intelligence comes from Killingbeck, West Yorkshire, where PC Steve Guest has lost his brand new motorcycle. Police magazine reports that, when it broke down after night duty, the constable put safety first and wheeled it off the road, leav-ing it by a nearby house. When he went to fetch it later that day, however, it had vanished. Close students of the incident suggest that PC Guest's tactical error may have been selecting a house that is used as a hostel

EANWHILE, journalists covering the Police Federation's conference in Scarborough are wondering if the Central Hotel has gone too far in tailoring itself for the clientele. The first item on the breakfast menu is Buck's Fizz, and the second is Bloody Mary. For those who can't cope with proper drink-ing in the mornings, itsm three is Black Velvet.

DAY after pointedly refusing to rule him-self out of the running, same and rational Paul Johnson has launched his campaign for the editorship of the Catholic Herald with a Daily Mail article: in the Daily Mail article: in the plece (which contains the delicious phrase, "My advice to the Pope is . . ."), Paul makes a rousing appeal for strong Church leadership, and analysts equate it with an application for the Herald job. Paul's chances are hard to judge. He has many support-ers, of course, but others are not so keen. "Hardly a byword for constancy of beliefs, is he?" sniffs one anonymous bishop. "No one minds if he switches from Tory to Labour every hour on the hour, but religion's different. Imagine if he wrote a leader saying he's had a change of mind, and that Satan's the chap to fol-

N the Sun, John Humphrys answers one of the most impenetrable mysteries of the age. There are three things newscasters are always asked, he writes, the first being: "What do newsreaders say to each other at the end of the news?" The answer, Mr Humphrys says, is "Fancy a quick one?" Oh well, it may be not very PC, but at least it explains that enigmatic papers.

Summer is upon us, and with it comes that much-loved occasional feature, Today's Smile. Mr B Rume writes from London, SW1, wondering whether we have heard about Jesus and St Peter playing golf? At the short first, Peter stepped up to the tee and — whack — the ball flew straight in for a stepped up and — whack — straight in the lake. As he walked out to get his ball, a spectator said: "Who does he think he is? Jesus?" "No, he is Jesus," said St Peter, wea-rily. "He thinks he's Jack



Psycho-babble in the chountysis has perhaps been marked by more doctrinal schism and intolerance than that of any other movement in history, with the exception of the Christian religion." If Tony Blair has a rough way with critics of New Labour, it is mild compared with Freud's treatment of former favourites who came to challenge his dogma. As one of his biographers, Peter Gay, said, "Freud in politics was the true politician, more devision, more devision, more devision of a paramoia". That "the development of psychoanalysis has perhaps been marked by more doctrinal schism and intolerance than that of any other movement in history, with the exception of the Christian religion." If Tony Blair has a rough way with critics of New Labour, it is mild compared with Freud's treatment of former favourites who came to challenge his dogma. As one of his biographers, Peter Gay, said, "Freud in politics was the true politician, more devision of a paramoia". A cry from the heart influence upon others depending on his strong terror ism and sadismus." Later, Freud indentified the "swine" Stekel as a case of "moral insanity", and informed Rank that he was mentally ill, with a neurotic father complex. Jung's independent thinking was attributed to "strong neurotic and egotistic motives", while Ference, a revisionism was identified by Freud as a "mental degeneration which took the form of a paramoia".

Commentary Catherine Bennett

ELATIONS between Gordon Brown and Peter Mandelson are reputed to be so dire as to require the services of a conciliator. Gordon won't speak to Peter and, even though Peter says he'd like to speak to Gordon, Gordon's friends think Peter is only saying that to put Gordon down. What to do? Donald Dewar, Labour's Chief Whip, has been proposed as a potenhas been proposed as a potential peacemaker; others be-lieve that only Tony Blair himself can bring harmony where there is such discord. But the longevity and inten-

sity of the Gordon/Peter feud seem to demand the services of a professional; someone trained in sniffing out the hidden causes of outward hostility. The enemies must be encouraged to explore their emotions; taught to go beyond the surface feelings of anger, jealousy and betrayal. As Susie Orbach might say — what's really going on here?

fee, the celebrity "mind doc | end, the resolution of the tor". Raj Persaud, would no | Mandelson/Brown non-doubt be delighted to offer his | speaks should be a trifling afinsights — could some mu-tual antipathy be to blame? Dylan Evans, aspirant analyst to Princess Diana, might wish to go back further, questing for formative encounters with threatening kippers. In his hands, the case of "Peter Ms" and became of "Peter M" could become the Rat Man of our times.

open, not hidden," she says. Members of Antidote appear to believe that political strife could not possibly result from genuine differences of opinion about the real world outside. If only politicians would cultivate their emotions, all would be empathy and co-operation. Tell it to the

But the director of Antidote, James Park, has already offered to reconcile the scep-tics and their adversaries: "If Mandelson/Brown non-speaks should be a trifling af-fair. What treatment can the two men expect?

James Park has written a book about men and their mothers — "the heart of the Oedipal minefield" — and is currently learning to be an Attachment-Based Psychotherapist. His aim, presumably, will be to discover whether Brown and Mandelson are really re-enacting problematic relations with their early careers. their early carers.

But not all psychothera-pists are attachment theo-rists. Some might prefer to trace the conflicted Brown/ Mandelson behaviour back to birth trauma, or inadequate self-actualisation, or repressed libidinal urges. Some might propose a course of art therapy, sand-play, or group analytic drama. Before Antidote goes to work, perhaps it could make clear which psychotherapeutic

from purveyors of rival agnosis in which Freud and brands, just as Princess Di-his followers specialised. ana's public self-analysis

the true politician, more devi-ous than in the rest of his

conduct..." Indeed, if New Labour has indeed, if New Labour has anything to learn from the traditions of psychotherapy it is not so much emotional literacy, but the efficient purging and persecution of heretics and apostates. So far, Blair's treatment of his more troublecome jurious segme to troublesome juniors seems to have been limited to repri-

Some might propose a course of art therapy, sand-play, or group analytic drama

mands, gagging, and the occa-sional accusation of "infantile incompetence" or "gross diswhich psychotherapeutic courtesy". On one occasion, school enjoys pre-eminence in its ranks.

Alas, any firm decision is critics "needed therapy". a sign that he may one day excel at the kind of hostile distance in which From any and and any one occasion, however, he suggested that his critics "needed therapy".

When, for example, Adler became the first of Freud's

tified by Freud as a "mental degeneration which took the form of a paranoia".

Contemporary struggles be-tween psychotherapists lack the rhetorical bite of Freud's secret commuter, but emo-tional literacy" still seems to elude the profession. The European Therapy Studies In-stitute recently accused other therapists of being "elitist organisations grabbing "terri-tory" for themselves by wield. tory for themselves by wield-ing power inappropriately through registration".

In Psychoanalysis: The Impossible Profession, Janet Malcolm questioned an analyst about the perpetual bick-ering within the New York Psychoanalytic Institute. "It used to trouble me," he admitted, "until I thought about other professions and realised that it's no different any-where else . . . There are Oedipally significant positions in every profession, and when people are up for them it creates a crisis that infantilises

tasy, and you have an admis-sion that people who profess "emotional literacy" can behave no better than anyone else, maybe worse. Why do the representatives of Anti-dote expect politicians to take any notice of them? Because ancouraged to explore their amorphic sent and their adversaries: "If the surface feelings of anger, lealousy and betrayal. As Susie Orbach might say—what's really going on here? In exchange for a modest of second the second the second the second their adversaries: "If they would give us three they could have a dialogue." If this feat can be accomplished over a long week—and so public sent-analysis where disciples to dare to challenge the Oedipus theory, the Master swiftly diagnosed him as deranged: "It is the revolt of an abnormal individual, art Sutherland has observed driven mad by ambition, his really going on here?



Martin Kettle

NLY a fool would say personalities do not matter in the current bubbling and rumbling at the top of the Labour Party. Of course they matter, especially when we are talking about some of the proudest and most ambitious politicians of their generation. But the weekend mutterings against Gordon Brown and the argu-ment which erupted in public with John Prescott's speech ates a crisis that infantilises them — causes grown men to squabble like kids about trivial things."

With John Prescutt's spectrum in Bournemouth yesterday now begin to define a more durably political issue: the role of the Treasury under Labour, an issue central to any Labour government at

> Prescott's speech was a cry from the heart — perhaps even the cry of a defeated politician. It went public with things he has felt for many months. It called for the curbing of the power of the Trea-sury under Labour. It at-tacked the dangers of a so-called "Super-Treasury", which Prescott claimed was gridening its role to severe widening its role to encom-pass other "economic" depariments or portfolios - by implication trade, industry and employment — under its capacions umbrella. And it climaxed with the warning that it would be detrimental to Labour's aims to allow "an overbearing role for the Treasury which will then dominate every aspect of govern-ment life".

> The speech did not mention Gordon Brown by name, but then it did not have to. Prescott has been furning pri-vately for months, not just about the iron embrace in which he believes Brown has wrapped Labour's spending commitments, but also against the Shadow Chancellor's wider political ambi-tions. Prescott believes Brown is driven by an imperial desire to achieve a hege-mony over economic-policy-

> the so-called Super-Treasury. Yet Prescott's anxieties derive from his own long preoccupation with employment policy. Prescott's commitment to putting job creation on a collision course with Brown, and Prescott has be

he is not Tony Blair's number two, a position held de facto by Brown or even, many MPs like to claim, by Peter Mandelson. Prescott does not have the clout, even as deputy, to demand and get the shadow position of his choice. Instead he is left shadowing Michael Heseltine, even though no-body, least of all Prescott himself, seriously expects him to inherit that empire.

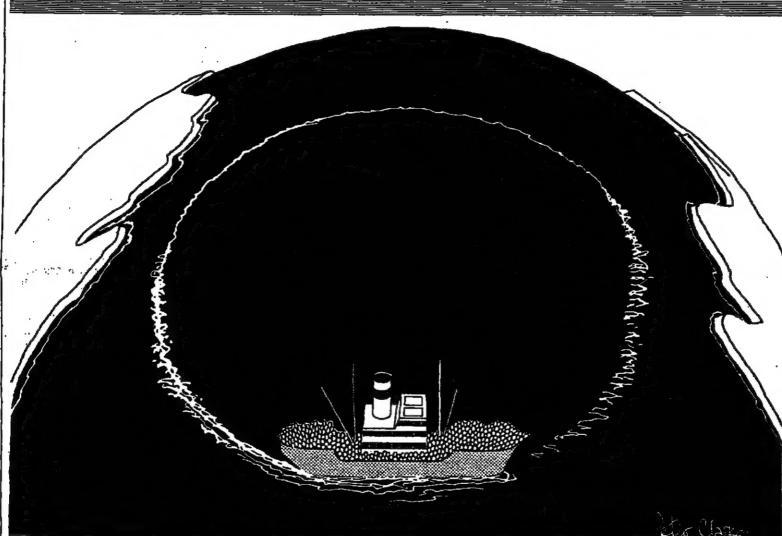
For the past year Prescott has toyed with various roles for himself in government.
All of them envisage him playing a creative role in economic policy. He has even spoken warmly of the idea tried by the first Wilson gov-ernment in 1964, of establishing a separate Department of Economic Affairs (headed by the then deputy leader George Brown) as a counterweight to the Treasury. Needless to say, each of these ideas is absolute anathema to Brown.

More recently the two men have fought a surrogate battle over Labour's railway policy - transport, along with em-ployment, has been another Prescott and his allies wanted Labour to commit itself to a tion of the railways. Brown and his supporters fought to prevent it, with Clare Short sometimes caught in the middle. The eventual outcome, probably predictably, was a victory for Brown. Last month, Brown made a

speech at the Manchester Business School setting out his strategy for the Treasury. It was an impeccable re-state ment of a Labour approach to economic-policy-making. It floated the idea of a "real economy unit" inside the department, targeting jobs, investment and growth, giving these aims the same status and priority as public-spend-ing control and the fight against inflation. To Prescott, however, these otherwise ad-mirable aims seemed to signal yet another extension of the Treasury empire and Brown's political power.

HUS the two things personality and politics

have come inextricably together in the style and content of Brown's conduct of since 1992. Brown is a politi-cian of the highest seriousmaking which will reduce ness. He is a planner, a departmental ministers to puppets and supplicants. er. He plots his every move excessive care. He has a mon umental capacity for work and power. Brown runs by far the largest shadow ministe-rial office, including the most effective press operation of strategies at the top of his any Labour spokesman other priorities has often put him than Blair, a network which is at once the envy and despair of his colleagues. Presstrown, and Prescott has become increasingly preoccupied with the implications for
the structure of government.
Partly this derives from
Prescott's odd position within
the Labour hierarchy. He is
labour hierarchy. He is deputy leader, yet in reality for his candour.



Worlds upside down

Instead of planning rationally to cope with the plight of refugees, the West continues to turn each new crisis into a three-act drama, arques **Martin Woollacott**

ran away from a roined Mogadishu, they left, in the words of his sister, with "our beds unmade, the chairs in our dining rooms upturned, our kitchens un-swept, our dishes in the sinks,

our future undone." They went in ships from Mogadishu to Mombasa, just as Liberians are now going from Monrovia, and just as the boat people now being forced to go home once left

All of these different people were touched, as Nuruddin Farah's father said of his own family, by "the virus of fleeing". That terrible combina-tion of fractured domesticity. of loss of faith in the future, and of the infectiousness of the urge to escape is something which more and more

experience. Such people have another thing in common that after the heartbreak of leaving a home, and after the initial dangers of flight, the ordeal is rarely over. Then can come despair as refugees are turned away from country after country, or the long slow loss of hope, or of reason, in detention camps. There is no guarantee, when you leave, of anything but pain.

HEN the fam-ily of Nurud-din Farah, the ligh Commission for Refugees. That is about one in 115 of the world population. of the world population. Twenty years ago the figure for refugees was 2.5 million. There has been nothing on the present scale since the years after the second world war. Then the problem was the finite one of the relief and receivilement of those disresettlement of those dis-placed by that conflict, a huge programme but one which could and did come to an end. After that, it was thought, there would be occasional emergencies but never again an international vista of suf-

an international vista of suf-fering, homeless people. Now events continuously generate refugees, and it is hard to think of this as a problem that will one day be over. As Nuruddin Farah noted, the country which vesterday gave refuge can easily become the country whose citizens seek refuge today. So-malia had looked after hun-dreds of thousands of Ethiopian refugees before being overwhelmed by disaster itself. And, among those fleeing Liberia in the overcrowded tubs that have set out from Monrovia, there are men and

own country.

The ship which the Ghana-ians have just allowed to land

because of the growing numbers. Rich and poor countries alike fear the costs and the other. What, for instance, Finally the third phase sets disruption of accepting refugees on a large scale. They also fear the precedent, because there is no denying that once an immigration "chain" is set up, for whatever reason, it is virtually impossible to stop, even when conditions in the stricken country improve. The boat people from Viet-

cause of the political context. But they show how such chains are created. Once the first groups had made it, via camps in third countries, to America, Australia, and France, the myth of an easy secape to freedom and wealth took tenacious root. The Americans encouraged it because they found satisfaction cause they found satisfaction in anything which showed the Vietnamese Communists in a bad light. By the time they reconsidered and began trying to signal to would be boat people, by broadcasts and other means, that there was no automatic welcome in

the West, it was too late. As is well known, every-where in the world governments are taking measures to keep out immigrants. The German constitutional court yesterday upheld that coun-try's new regulations, while the French government is wavering at this moment over contentious recommenda-tions from a parliamentary commission on immigration. The US Senate has just pushed through additional measures aimed at curbing illegal immigration. The European police agency recently declared that the smuggling of illegal immi-grants was its "main

on board the Liberian shins? Most would certainly not qualify for asylum. They are merely fearful people fleeing a bad and dangerous place, and looking for somewhere tolerable in which to begin new lives or to wait until things are better at home. Those who successfully fiee war and chaos tend to include many of a country's educated class, the natural leaders, the technically qualified - the human material that is vital to reconstruction. Refugees themselves debate, and may never resolve, the question of whether they should have left or stayed to hold back whatever fate threatened their country.

Considerations of this kind

reinforce the argument of the UNHCR that the movement of refugees is a problem that should never be considered in isolation. The reports com-missioned by Sadaka Ogata, the High Commissioner, in 1993 and earlier this year de-scribe the same tragedy in

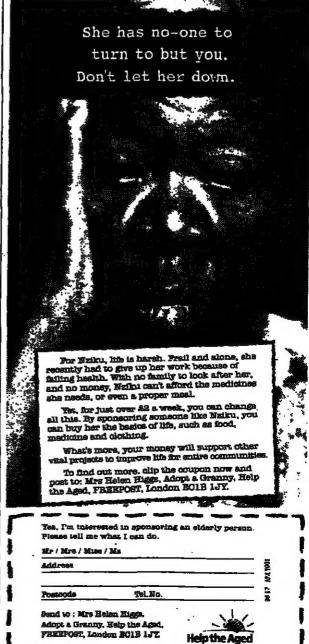
N the first phase, there is specialist knowledge of impending disasterbut a refusal by government to listen on the ments to listen, on the grounds that warnings are two a penny, and what is only intense flurry of public con-cern, fundraising, and aid-giving. For example, in the first two weeks after the scale of the Rwanda tragedy beguarantee, when you save, anything but pain.

Yet the numbers of refugees and the internally displaced in their own country — have refugees sharpens precisely but naturally it does. In any land the crises that send grants was its "main pledged, a sum of money which, as some relief workers their homes, their kitchens have sourly pointed out, unswept, their chairs over turned, to the hazards of estimated their own country — have refugees sharpens precisely but naturally it does. In any Rwanda, have seriously al-

in. Public interest fades, aid drops off, but the refugees remain, as they do in Zaire, where a million Rwandan refugees still struggle to survive in the camps. The UNHCR. and the non-governmental agencies, are then left to cope, with dwindling funds. This last phase is also a critical time of mistrust between the countries in the affected region and those distant from

Antious to deflect the refugee stream from themselves and to show their own public opinion that something is being done, distant countries work manfolly to persuade those in the region to take the refugees. Money will be found, they promise, help will be given, and, in time, a quota of those displaced will be accepted in Europe or America. Such promises tend to get forgotten or compromised as time goes on, laying down a bad lesson for the future. This sad graph, in which

governments act and public opinion reacts only at the height of a crisis, neglecting both its early stages and the long aftermath, is a chart of inadequacy. The choice is not doors and open house: it is between a rational policy of prevention and management, potential can be ignored. but would usually moderate Then comes the crists and an the consequences of war and but would usually moderate political breakdown, and allowing ourselves to repeat again and again the self-de-feating pattern of alternating engagement and disengagecame clear, \$2 billion was ment with the crises that send so many families out from which, as some relief workers their homes, their kitchens



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Maicoim MacEwan

Profiting out of losses

84, was one of those people whose endless zest for living enables them to overcome terrible misfortunes in their personal lives and come out fighting on public issues. He came from an affluent High-land family and was sent to an English public school (Rossall), "as narrow and philis-tine as could be found" to lose

At Aberdeen University he learned forestry, and came under the influence of the Caithness novelist Neil Gunn. who convinced him, in 1933. that Scotland would be better off if it governed itself. But that year came the disaster he later described as one of the best things that over hap-pened to him. At 21 he lost his right leg in a motorbike crash.

Months in an Inverness nursing home made him a reader and, with a law degree from Edinburgh, he joined the handful of zealots producing the pre-war Glasgow edition of the Daily Worker. This led to 13 years as foreign editor and parliamentary correspondent for its London edition, covering Labour's foreign policy towards Greece, Yugoslavia

Lucille Bremer

eyed, red-haired Lu-cille Bremer, who has

died aged 73. was one

of the best dancing partners Fred Astaire ever had. Pity

her face was so strangely ex-

pressionless and that her act-

ing was no more than ade-

quate, which may partly

explain why she made only seven films in her career.

Bremer was brought up in

Philadelphia and at the age of

12 joined the corps de ballet of its opera company. While still

high-kicking Rockette at New

York's Radio City, later dancing in the chorus of Broadway

musicals and at smart Manhattan night clubs, at one of which she was spotted by

Arthur Freed, MGM's top mu-

Freed and Bremer began an affair and he groomed her for

stardom by sending her for

drama coaching and giving

her the smallish role of Judy

Garland's flighty older sister

in Vincente Minnelli's Meet Me In St Louis (1944). Attrac-

tive in turn-of-the-century

costumes, she tells Garland:

"When you get to my age, you'll find out there are far

more important things in life

than boys," though she puts the whole family on alert

when expecting a proposal from her boyfriend on a long-

sicals producer.

Greening of a Red, (1991) are a useful reminder of the duplicity of both British and Soviet governments. Characteristically, his ex-

pulsion from the Communist Party, like the departure of many others at the time of the Hungarian revolution in 1956. "seemed like a second amputation at the time," yet set him off on the ecological ap-proach to politics that lasted for the rest of his life, "We had been living in a self-created party ghetto," he wrote, but personal tragedies on mounted by his happy mar-riage to Ann Wheeler, an architect and planner. Their house at 31 Tanza Road, in what he insisted was the unfashionable end of Hampstead, became the base for a growing extended family, so that visitors never knew whether they were talking to

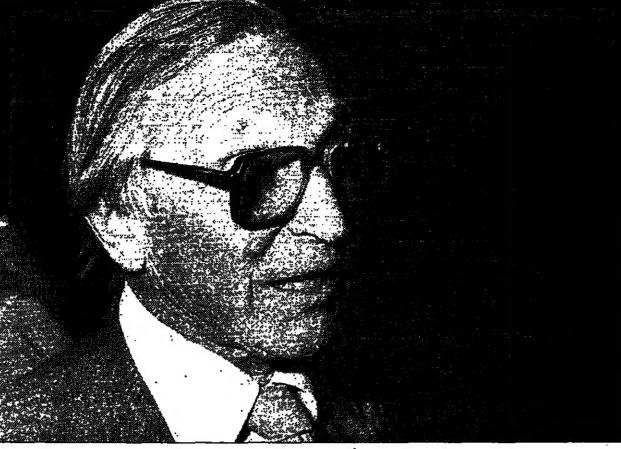
hosts or fellow-guests.
Ann worked for the London County Council's planning department, and then for the team that produced Colin Bu-chanan's report Traffic in Towns. Malcolm found a job on The Architects' Journal which, with its private pub in the basement at 9 Queen Anne's Gate, was then in one of its crusading periods. In

Freed thought her ready to

partner Astaire in the two where Astaire as a monocled best production numbers in gentleman thief woos Prin-

Ziegiela Follies the following cess Bremer, with the inten-year both directed by Minelli tion of stealing her jewels

and choreographed by Robert | during a pas de deux. In Lime-



Malcolm MacEwan . . . expulsion from the Communist Party was 'like a second amputation'

lis issue, a pioneering indict-ment of the impact of the vehicle on urban life. For Malcolm it was "one of the turning poins of my life' and he moved on to edit the journal of the Royal Institute of British Architects, seeking like his assistant and succes sor, Roger Barnard, to make it the conscience of the architectural profession. Recognising the gulf between practitioners and the actual users of buildings he produced the report Crisis in Architecture which held out the ways open to the profession to reform it-

self and its collective aims. It was ignored. Meanwhile the MacEwens had moved to Somerset, and ter Report of 1977 completely

Follies, fantasy and dances with Fred

was set in a stylised ballroom

distance call from New York. Alton. The first, This Heart Of house Blues, an oriental-toned Kern, she partnered Van Although Bremer scarcely Mine, based on the Harry ballet, Bremer is a Chinese Johnson in the jaunty numdanced in her debut film, Warren/Arthur Freed tune, harlot for whom Astaire, a ber I Won't Dance, and played

appointed member of the Ex-moor National Park Committee. He was a lone voice exposing the absurdity of fellow-members undertaking to conserve the moorlands and woodlands of the Devon-Somerset border while also being offered enormous subsidies by the Ministry of Agricul-

himself a government-

ture to plough up the moor or to plant conifers. So the chairman described him as "anti-farmer" and the vice-chairman called him a "professional rabble-rouser" and asked: "Who is this Scot-tish popinjay who comes in here and tells us what we can and cannot do?" The Porches-

sad-faced coolie, forms a pas-

sion. After being accidentally wounded, he dreams a love

duet in a willow pattern set-

ting as he lies dying in a Lon-don street. In scarlet jackets

and trousers, the couple exe-

cute a range of erotic steps, especially in an interplay

Bremer then co-starred

with Astaire in Minnelli's

Technicolored musical fan-

tasy Yolanda And The Thief.

heiress, a target of Astaire as a crooked gambler who, to

swindle her out of her for-tune, pretends to be her

guardian angel sent from

heaven. The highlights were the two ballets in which Bremer, a vermilion vision.

clends perfectly with a daz-

The film proved too whim-

sical and arty for the general public, and Bremer, though charming, did not have

enough charisma to carry it

off. It was rumoured that she

had had an abortion during the making of Yolonda and

had broken with Freed, the putative father.

She was to make just two

more films for MGM. In Till The Clouds Roll By (1946), an all-star tribute to Jerome

zling Astaire.

Society. He saw it as a landmark in the history of nature and landscape conservation, with a sobering effect on the Country Landowners Associ-ation and the National Farmers Union, while the Ministry of Agriculture, acutely embarrassed by the exposure of its policy of secrecy and nonco-operation with the park committee, produced "statistical evidence that fully confirmed figures on the rate of moorland loss.

Malcolm had once again been the gadfly who goaded others into action, and he and Ann went on to write a series of books on the dilemmas of

a neurotic patient in Dark De-

lusion (1947), one of the popular Dr Kildare series.

After three non-dancing B-

films, including Edgar Ulmer's anti-capitalist drama

Ruthless (1948), in which she

was surprisingly effective as one of the people ruined by an

unscrupulous business

fornia, where she ran a chil-

stars for the launch of *That*'s Entertainment. She still had auburn hair, and her pretty

face was recognisable, but her

figure had grown in inverse

proportion to her diminished fame.

Lucilie Bremer, dancer and ac-

tress, born February 21, 1923; died April 16, 1996

Ronald Bergan

president.

by MacEwen and the Exmoor | countryside conservation, Society. Late in life he became a friend and host for the American

Colin Ward

December 24, 1911, died May 11,

Letter

Peter Waterman writes. Serge Chermayeff's obituary (May 11) concentrated on his British achievements and neglected his later thinking on measures to be taken to prevent "the liquidation of the spirit of community". These ideas appeared in 1971 in The Shape of Community - the Realization of Human Potential written with

Chermayeff's view was that the technology must serve all human beings and not just the affluent. Mobility, "the dramatic masquerade" of modern man as passive consumer, is compared with the tycoon, Bremer, who never need for tranquility to be really enjoyed Hollywood, found by individual action retired from the screen to and control in community. marry Abalar do Rodriguez. He believed that the urban

She played a naive Catholic | the son of a former Mexican environment is to be considered as a whole. Social reme-dies as projects "little plans The couple lived in Mexico City for some years, before settling, with their five daughters, in La Jolla, Caiand tiny economies will van-ish like needles in the urban naystack". It is the quality of all experience at the local community level that is im-portant if people are not to be dren's dress shop for many years. There was great curios-ity among fans when she reappeared in public at the 1975 reunion of MGM musical deprived of opportunity or corrupted by a degraded environment". Chermayeff be-lieved that the price of neglect-ing the poor and disadvantaged is paid for by the loss to every body's quality of life.

His detailed solutions need re-considering but his main point is that a policy to pro-duce a quality local community for everybody rather than national programmes for particular groups is the way to tackle our social problems.

philosopher of urban life Lewis Mumford, and concluded that "no lasting solution to the problems of war, social disorder and environmental degeneration can be found without abandoning the high-energy, high-mobil ity, intensely individual style of life developed by the ad-vanced industrial nations." He thought this view just as revolutionary, for our day, as Marxism had been for his.

Malcolm MacEwen, writer, born

rian war was sucking France's military elite into its embrace, Crépin collected his third star with the army corps in Algiers before rising, with a fourth star, to comern Oran region. Alexander Tzonis.

General Jean Crépin

Man behind the Exocet

pin, who has died aged 87, was widely regarded as the father of the French missile programme, including its nuclear deterrent, and the Exocets used to devastating effect in the 1982 Falklands conflict. It was Crepin who com-manded the artillery in General Phillippe Leclerc's Free French Second Armoured Division when it liberated Paris in August 1944. And it was Crepin again who replaced General Massu as commander of the Algiers army corps during the 1960 Algerie Française anti-De

Gaulle revolt. After graduating from L'Ecole Polytechnique, Crépin was an army officer in China and Africa. When France fell in 1940 he was in the Cameroons and met Le-clerc. He was to participate, with the legendary 2nd Armoured Division, in all of the eneral's campaigns in Libya. Punis and northern Europe. In 1943 he became commander of the division's artillery. After the war he was des-patched to Indochina (Vietnam) as adjutant to General Valluy, commander of French troops in the north. He played a significant role in talks with Ho Chi Minh and the Vietminh who were seeking inde pendence. In 1946 he was appointed commissar for Tonkin and North Annam. He

was spared the humiliation of France's eventual defeat in Vietnam by a return to Paris. In 1949, now a two star general, he became military adviser to defence minister René Pleven, and military counsellor to Prime Ministe Georges Bidault. In 1954, after serving as deputy general sec-retary of national defence, he became inspector general for weapons programmes and manufacture. But as the Alge-

mand a division in the south-

ENERAL Jean Cré promising soldier, and there was never any hint of the excessive vigour which spoiled the reputations of so many of his peers. So, two months after replacing Massu, he be-came chief of French forces in Algeria, replacing the dis-graced General Challe.

In February of the following year, aged 53, he became France's youngest five star general, assuming com-mand of French forces in Germany. Thus did he end his army career as the last French general to command a central European Nato sector. He left the army in 1967 and began a career in industry. As



Crépin . . . five star career

president of Nord-Aviation he fostered research and develop-ment of anti-tank and surfacecurrent arsenal of Hot, Milan and Roland systems, the Pluton and Hades tactical nuclear missiles, and the Exocet, were developed under Crepin's guidance. He oversaw the merger betweeen Nord and Sud Aviation and Sereb to form SNIAS (now Aérospatiale), remained vice-president until his 1975 retirement, and was until recently a military

adviser to the company. Crépin's wife, Simone, pre-deceased him, and he is survived by his two daughters.

Julian Howerth

Jean Crépin, soldier and industrialist, born September 1, 1908; died May 4, 1996

Smith, ambassador to Mada-

gascar, 54; Prof Stephen Sparks, geologist, 47; Neil

Birthdays

Madeleine Albright, US am | playwrights, both 70; Peter bassador to the UN, 59; Richard Avedon, photographer, 78: Prof Sir James Baddiley, biochemist, 78; Dame Eugenia Charles, former prime minister of Dominica, 77; Michael Clapham, Labour mings, actress, 86; Ted Dex-ter, former chairman, England Cricket Selectors rock musician, 48; David Gore-Booth, ambassador to Saudi Arabia, 53; Andrew Hargreaves, Conservative MP, 41; Richard Hough, author, 74; Prof Lionel Knights, emeritus professor of English Literature, Cam-bridge University, 90; Karin

Krog, jazz singer, 59; Chris-

tina Lamb, writer and jour-nalist, 31; John Lanchbery,

ballet composer, 73; Ellis Lar-

kins, jazz pianist, 73; Bar-bara Lott, actress, 76; Mary

Lyon; geneticist, 71; Anthony and Peter Shaffer,

Prof Sir Eric Stroud, paedia

Death Notices

In Memoriam

^{flesa} Hunter

Asher Walifish

Politics with a human touch

interpret the consequences of events before other people realised there would be

For years he was the Jerusalem Post's Knesset reporter but because of his overseas

SHER Wallfish, who lian and the Daily Mail in Ishas died aged 67, was rael. Israeli MPs sometimes raeli correspondent of my consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the state of the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the state of the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the state of the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making BBC and then LBC programe the most incisive consulted him before making the m speeches, and he was frequently the first to know about emergency summits in the King David Hotel.

kind of deputy correspondent, and his coverage for the cor-poration of Yitzhak Rabin's His most effective reporting

You Don't Have To Be Jewish. His coverage for us of the Yom Kippur war and of the Entebbe rescue was remark-The BBC used Wallfish as a able for the amount of infor-

contacts and broadcasting funeral of last year, one of his ability he represented the final broadcasts, was a crown-ling achievement. For more noeuvres that led to the 1982

war in Lebanon. And he had a knack of presenting a human element. On the day of the rescue of the hijacked Israeli passengers taken to Amin's Uganda, he explained how it felt to be waiting for the news of an old lady stranded with-

out her heart pills.
One of his great assets for broadcasting to Britain was his pure, unadulterated Lancashire accent — even when he spoke in Hebrew.

his roots played a huge part in his thinking. He took a degree in oriental languages at Oxford before emigrating to Israel in 1949. less than a year after the establishment of the Jewish state. He was not a religious Jew, but he was imbued with zionism and had been active in the Ha-

bonim youth movement.

Before going to Israel, he worked in a Marseilles immigrant transit camp, where he met his French wife. Claude. When he arrived in the country, he became a founder member of the essentially British kibbutz of Kfar Hanassi - village of the President - in Upper Gahlee, now one

working as a youth counsel lor, with two years off as an emissary to the north American Jewish communities. He left the kibbutz in 1961 and worked for three years in the Israel Defence Force's

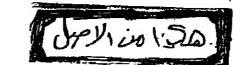
censor's office. Then the gamekeeper turned poacher. and joined the Jerusalem Post. His coverage of the Yom Kippur War won him the Overseas Press Club Award. He is survived by his widow Michael Freedland

Asher Walfish, journalist, born



Wallfish . . . first to know





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Finance Guardian

Abu Dhabi offers BCCI deal Rates on the up,

Patrick Denovan City Editor

ORE than 35,000 British deposi-tors of the Bank of Cradit and Commerce International look set to recoup up to 40 per cent of the money they lost when the bank collapsed in July 1991, after the Abu Dhabi government yes-terday agreed to pay a com-pensation package worth \$1.8 billion (£1.2 billion).

tion by Abu Dhabi, which held nearly 80 per cent of million documents. Account agreement for a long time and tancy fees alone are estimated now intends to devote its

The long-awaited breakthrough will come as wel-come news to the 250,000 de-positors who lost money when BCCI collapsed. The British depositors and creditors include 30 local councils. The worst hit was the West-ern Isles which lost £24

milion.

This signals the end of an extraordinary international investigation into a multibillion dollar fraud surround-After years of litigation this payment represents the first which has involved a stagger-ing prospect of compensating 2,000 different law suits

to have reached \$300 million. There is suspicion that the bank was widely used for money laundering and other illicit purposes as 29,000 cus-tomers have still failed to claim deposits worth more

The deal appears to repre-sent a major improvement on the terms of a previously announced 20 per cent pay-out which is scheduled for later

than \$200 million.

efforts to ensuring that the liquidators pay a dividend during June 1996 of at least 25 per cent of the admitted claim". The Abu Dhabi government has agreed to pay \$1.55 billion directly to liquidators Deloitte & Touche. It is paying a further sum of \$250 million into an escrow account for distri-

bution at a later date. Compensation for deposithis summer.
Last night, the BCCI Depositors Action Group said it was "delighted with the news". It tors will be further increased by payments worth at least \$243 million from the US authorities and \$400 million

Saudi Arabia. In addition, more money is expected to be raised through the sale of BCCI assets and money from BCCI deposits in the US. The payout proposal has

are currently in progress."

The liquidators declined to speculate on how much depositors stand to recoup. Well-placed sources said refunds could total at least 40 per cent of original depositor losses of \$10 billion. In a statement, the Abu

been tied up in the international courts for nearly four
years. In a statement the liquidators said the deal "constitutes a major step forward in
the liquidation towards the
payment of a first dividend to
BCCL of admitted creditors

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throughout BCCl of admitted creditors maintained that agreement later this year. The amount of the first dividend will be subject to court decisions which in the liquidators is the only outcome capable of project to court decisions which

although not yet



Edited by Alex Brummer

By sending a clear signal that the next move in interest rates ought to be upwards, the Bank of England has potentially set itself on a collision course with Chancellor Kenneth Clarke. Plainly, Mr Clarke — already under fire within his own party for his robustly pro-European instincts and his lectures on fiscal restraint would prefer not to come to blows with the Bank over in-terest rates in the period be-fore an election, especially as the Inflation Report judge-ment is based only on

probabilities.
The Bank is, however, firm in its judgment about monetary conditions and the evidence from the markets about trends in short-term interest rates. The Bank, like the Tressury, is keen to learn from past mistakes. It notes that it was precisely at this juncture in the economic cycle, with short-term weakness in certain sectors, that "policy mistakes tended to

made".

The greatest risks appear to be in the monetary data, with both broad money and the Bank's own measure of Divi-sia, which weights the elements in broad money M4,

signalling danger.
However, the best guide to the direction of interest rates comes from the Bank's mar-ket analysis. This shows that at the start of 1996, the mar-kets were building in a quar-ter-point rise in base rates by mid-way through next year (the final date for the election), whereas now there is a half-point rise in the markets. can be seen in gilt yields. reflecting inflationary expec-tations, which rose 89 basis points (not far short of a full

percentage point) since mid-January.

Although this points to a future rate rise, there is no immediate pressure. Indeed, for the first time since the pound bounced out of the exchange rate mechanism in September 1992, it is possible that the Chancellor may have received some help from the foreign exchange markets. With sterling almost half-spoint higher against the currencies of the UK's major trading partners, the risks of imported inflation has temporarily diminished. This relieves the pressure at the start of the prices pipeline.

Busy line

S lonica's television campaign for its new phone service thunders: "The revolution's here. You know that it's right." But is Ionica's new local network,

than costly copper cables, is | tion.

certainly a revolution in the UK and will eventually offer consumers an alternative to But is it right? Ionica's technology may well be a neat solution to a problem which is fast being resolved by the rapid growth of mobile phones and the slower onward march of the cable

> Ionica, which has already blotted its copybook by miss-ing its launch date, will have a hard task convincing customers to switch from tried ever, the cable companies, now signing up one in four households passed as telecom customers, have shown that the phone market is certainly

sensitive to price.
The Ionica service comes with lots of whistles and bells as standard — something which BT should have done long ago — and it has the added advantage of being easily deployed in less populated

Given its new technology and the strength of its competitors, Ionica's future is fragile. A few wrong steps and bad publicity would wreak havoc with its credibility.

Allied strategy

ALLIED Domecq is used to being in trouble, but this new chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, is not. LLIED Domecq is used While Allied Lyons, as it then was, lost millions on anything from bad foreign exchange deals to badly-timed acquisi-tions. Sir Christopher was charting a careful and successful course at Courtaulds and then Reuters.

His recent appointment at Allied raised hopes in the City that he might apply the demarger treatment which Courtaulds pioneered. He might yet, although it seems clear that there will be no such drama in the immediate future. Chief executive Tony attempts to free Allied from its past, still has time to show

Allied has sold the remains of the Lyons food business, at a hefty price to earnings. But, unfortunately, the past has left it with plenty more to escape from, and limited means

of doing so.
Only the pub chains currently seem in good shape. In brewing, once the company's heart, the shake-up of the last few years has left Allied with an unwanted half share in low-profit Carlsberg-Tetley, apparently at the mercy of dithering ministers over the trouble is Allied paid too much attention to building Tetley as a national brand. without realising the future

lay in premium products.
In spirits, which in the late
1980s seemed to be the saviour of every drinks company, Allied is now faced with pouring more marketing money into brands which, on the whole, do not deserve it. As in beer, the group appears to have too few top brands. Perhaps Sir Christopher

can engineer some kind of radical departure. Otherwise Ionica's new local network, it is difficult to see how Allied which uses radio links rather will shake off its grim reputs-

Inflation report sees pay held down by part-time work and job insecurity despite Ministers' claims

Dole queue to shrink, says Bank

RITAIN'S jobless total could be set to fall sharply over the coming years as rising job insecurity and the growth in part-time work keep the lid on pay increases, the Bank of England said vesterday.

yesterday.
The Bank's quarterly infla-tion report flatly contradicted claims by government minis-ters that job insecurity was "a state of mind" but stressed that the changing face of the labour market could help to cut the dole queues.

Although the official unem-

ployment total has already dropped by more than 750,000 since its peak of almost 3,000,000 in late 1992, the Bank believes that its "natural" or non-inflationary rate — is well under two million.

per cent of the workforce.

thinks unemployment could go without triggering a surge in pay inflation, but a 6 per cent jobless rate in the UK

would imply a jobless total of around 1,500,000.

Treasury officials also be-lieve that the deregulation of the labour market has made this feasible because workers are "pricing themselves back into work" by being willing to accept lower wage increases.
The Inflation Report said: "Real [inflation-adjusted]

be surprisingly low, raising the possibility that the natural rate of unemployment is lower than in the 1980s". It added that the three-year fall in unemployment had been accompanied by only a 0.6 per cent increase in real earnings, and that there was no evidence of the level of pay

earnings growth continues to

no evidence or the settlements ticking up, settlements ticking up, The report stressed that most of the jobs created since economics director, said yes-terday that provided Britain avoided the excesses of a 1990 only 15 per cent of partboom-bust cycle, there was evidence that the natural rate could be similar to that in the had risen to 25 per cent. In US, thought to be around 6 addition, the Inflation Report er cent of the workforce.

Mr King was reluctant to be coming more worried about drawn on how low the Bank | clinging on to their jobs.



Eye to eye . . . not for Bank of England Governor Eddie George and the Chancellor

Ken and Eddie go separate ways Euro-money pilot decides the

John Glever in Milan

HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke and Bank of England Governor Ed-die George appeared to be on a collision course last night over Britain's role in Europe. Mr Clarke, the cabinet minister most disliked by the growing army of Euroscep-tics, told businessmen in London that Britain faced a bleak economic future unless it remained at the heart of the European Union where it could influence key decisions. Mr George, however,

as a convenient lead ship in the 21st century. I want the the convoy by those wishing to drive forward the political integration of Europe. I would large say in setting the only caution that even on this course, unless we are confident that the economic condi-tions are favourable, the con-voy could be led into rough

At the same time that Mr George was speaking, the Chancellor told pro-European economic and political health warned in a lecture in Milan that further integration in absolutely depended upon its

Europe could be more danger-ous for Britain than remain-ing on the sidelines.

He said: "I understand that want to be relegated to the single market had served British trade well, but said: "There is perhaps more hesi-tation about the justification He said: "I understand that the single currency project in particular has been identified nomic and political debates of UK to have clout, to punch above its weight and to have a agenda for Europe."
The Chancellor said that

the decision on whether to join a single currency would be carefully weighed at the time. But he made it clear that he thought Britain had suffered in the past from not being at the centre of all European decisions from the beginning.

Mr George agreed that the safe to join."

for extending the principles underlying the single market legislation into other areas." Speaking in Milan before his lecture at the Universita Commerciale, Mr George said even if the Germans and French brought their high unemployment rates down to Maastricht criteria levels, monetary union might still be inadvisable. He said: "If I did not think that the conditions were sustainable without ten-sions then we would have to

time has come to bale out

ALEXANDRE Lamfa-linssy, head of the Euro-pean Monetary Institute, yesterday shocked the fi-nor of the Dutch central nancial community by announcing he is to step down next year, (writes Richard

Mr Lamfalussy, 66, had been expected to steer the delicate process of trans-forming the Institute into a European Central Bank if plans for a single currency

nor of the Dutch central bank and president of the Bank of International insisted that Mr Dnisenberg — a passionate sup-porter of monetary union would not automatically become head of the European Bank.

His appointment, which come to fruition after 1999.

But Mr Lamfalussy has been suggested by the 15 central bank governors stunned even the EMI on the EMI council, is exwith his decision to finish in July 1997. Spokeswoman Regina Schoeller said: "We were surprised as well. It's a question of age." He will

Societies fight for life

Mutual admiration Is becoming a thing of the past, writes Teresa Hunter

UILDING societies could disappear com-pletely unless they significantly undercut the banks on mortgages and savings, delegates were told on the eve of their annual conference in Birmingham yesterday. Building Societies Associa-

tion director general Adrian Coles said: "It's not going to be enough to assume there will always be building societies because there always have been. They have got to justify

their existence."

Speaking to a seminar of regional societies, Mr Coles pointed out that when the Halifax, Woolwich and Alliance & Leicester have completed plans to become public companies, the combined mortgage assets of the remaining societies will be barely those of the Halifax

He said: "The remaining societies will account for less

than 20 per cent of mortgage | are not just different but are lending. Our collective lobby- | better than other financial in-

More optimistically, Mr More optimistically, and the color of the co ers generally to benefit from

"We have to convince people that building societies



We will lose influence with the key opinion formers and be further down their must-call list."

SITURIONS," he said.

A rift appears to be emerging between the mutual societies — which are owned by their savers and horrows. their savers and borrowers—
and former societies which
have decided to abandon mutual status and hand over

their ownership to shareholders.
The Abbey National and Cheltenham & Gloucester, which have both abandoned mutual status, have boycotted the conference for the first time, and there are markedly fewer representatives from the Halifax and Alliance & Leicester. Aggressive mortgage reduc-

tions by those committed to remaining building societies and loyalty bonuses for sav-ers are thought to be driving a wedge between them and the plcs, whose first priority is returns to the shareholder. Peter Rowley, Darlington Building Society chief executive, claimed that only by banding together could small societies provide the economy of scale and access to new technology available to the big players while remaining independent.

How (17 billion) in the first four months of the year. For the full year, the group expected to improve last year's profit of DM692 million on sales of DM46.1 billion

until year 2000 says BMW chief

industrial staff

DOVER will remain in the Pired until the turn of the century, said BMW chief Bernd Pischetsrieder yesterday.

He was speaking to share-holders at BMW's annual general meeting. His forecast crowns an unsettling period at Rover, acquired two years ago by BMW for £800 million from British Aerospace. At the end of last month chief executive John Towers quit, sparking fears among unions of a wider shake-up in

the company.

The BMW chairman said that losses would be reduced in 1996 but the result would still be negative even though sales had risen by 9 per cent to 162,000 in the first four

months of the year.

BMW's saw its total turnover increase by just under
I billion marks to DM16.3 billion (£7 billion) in the first

No Rover return | Labour casts doubt on level of Railtrack registrations

Keith Harper Transport Editor

GOVERNMENT claims offer has received 1.9 million registered applications were rejected by the Labour Party last night

Clare Short, shadow transport secretary, said Labour had received calls from people who had registered for the British Gas share offer and who believe their names and addresses may have been used for the Railtrack flotation.

She suggested that at least 140,000 applications have been sent in by brokers without the knowledge or consent of the individuals concerned. Ms Short said: "The success of the Railtrack share offer is not as great as the Govern-ment would like everybody to believe. Many people appear to have registered only to assess the offer and have de-cided against applying for while the offer to private in-

often act in what they regard public although that propor-as the best interests of clients, tion could be raised dependeven though many applica- ing on demand.

As today's noon deadline for applications approached, the prevailing advice in the City was that Railtrack was best viewed as a short-term

investment.
Kleinwort Benson pointed out that the Railtrack share price would be higher but for the political risk inherent with an election due within 12 months. It said that although Party' may be worse than its bite, the yield on a fully paid basis at the issue price is un-likely to be sufficient to give comfort.

On Railtrack's growth pros-

pects, it said that the control of access charges by the rail regulator meant that "the scope for revenue growth into the next century will be par-ticularly modest". But City sources main-

tained that the offer of shares to the institutions has been vestors has been successful. This is not an uncommon At least 30 per cent of the practice, however. Brokers shares will be allocated to the

Allied vows action on spirits hangover and scotches gossip world market for spirits

ALLED Domecq yesterday poured cold water on speculation that it was about to embark on a demerger. New chairman Sir Christopher Hogg tried to play down expectations of a radical

shake-up despite a 20 per cent fall in profits in the last six months, which follows years of disappointing results. of demerger or major dis-posals after Sir Christopher's

appointment on April 1, espe-cially because of his record in splitting Courtaulds. But he made it clear yesterday that the group's existing strategy would be given time to pro-duce a turnaround. Chief executive Tony Hales

promised vigorous action to restore profits, although he had a limited time to deliver, but warned that the tough

priority, and that this man-agement team will be judged on that basis." Mr Hales said a new organisation and marketing strat-egy should improve the finan-cial performance of the wine

would make it difficult.
"We have no Illusion that a

return to profit growth is the

and spirit business, which caused most of the latest profit reduction. Greater reslocal sales and marketing managers, and the company plans to focus more of its mar keting on key brands such as Ballantine's and Kahlua, as well as spending more in the key US market. He refused to comment on

the status of Allied's holding in the Carlsberg-Tetley brew ing joint venture. Bass is widely understood to be ready to buy the stake if permitted by the Office of Fair Trading.

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

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Ionica targets BT with digital radio phone service

RITISH Telecom, al ready losing 60,000 customers a month nies, faces even greater competition following the launch yesterday of Ionica's residential phone service.

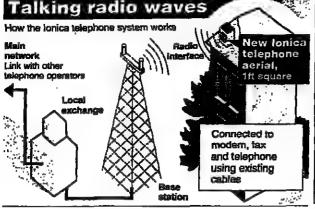
Cambridge-based Ionica aims to undercut BT by up to 20 per cent using digital radio signals, rather than conventional copper lines, to link homes to its network. Chief executive Nigel Play-

offered in the Eastern region first and then rolled out to

He said the group aimed to have about one million cus-tomers — 5 per cent of the UK residential and small business market — by the year 2000, although profitability

required only 2 per cent.
Initially its prices will be set at fixed rates below those of BT — rental charges at 20 per cent less and charges for local, national and international calls at 15 per cent.

Ionica's basic service will also include a number of features, such as call barring, for which BT customers pay extra. and others which BT



two months. A national net | ple, will have three numbers work could be completed in | with distinctive ringing tones. "It means that if you are watching football on television and the phone rings, you can stay where you are because the ringing tone will tell you if the call is for the kids," Mr Playford said.

A flat, foot-high, octagons aerial mounted on the outside of the house is linked by a single wire to an internal telephone socket that is fully compatible with existing equipment, including com-puter modems and faxes.

Mr Playford said Ionica, whose shareholders include Yorkshire Electricity, Northern Electric and Telecom Finland, had invested £150 mil-lion so far and would probably need a further £200 million to complete a nationwide network. The com pany might be floated on the stock market next year.

The company believes it will get a boost from the intro-duction later this year of number portability, which al lows customers to change elephone companies without

changing numbers.

BT is expected to reveal its first year-on-year net loss of residential customers when it announces full year results on Thursday. Profits are expected to be about 9 per cent up at around £2.9 billion mainly as a result of lower redundancy costs.

Motoring on . . . Daimler Benz technicians have produced a new fuel cell for the electric car Necar II. The car, which has no emissions and is powered by a reaction between hydrogen and oxygen, can carry six people and travel at speeds of more than 100km an hour with a range of 250km

AT&T ties Euro-knot

MERICA's largest communications group, AT&T, is to mount its assault on the European busiventure with the Swiss, Swedish, Dutch and Spanish national telecom companies. The five companies have agreed to create a pan-Euro-pean communications and

multimedia services company with 5,000 employees and revenues of more than

AT&T is to inject almost all its European operations, in-cluding those in the UK, into

PTT Telecom Netherlands, and Spain's Telefonica.

Unisource is to buy up to 49 per cent of AT&T (UK).

Merrill Tutton, president of AT&T (UK). said the move was aimed to help the compa nies capitalise on the liberal sation of the European mar kets. However AT&T (UK) would retain its traditional bilateral transatlantic telephone business and its card

The merger plan, which has yet to be approved by the Brit-ish and European telecom authorities, would leave AT&T

com company owned by Swiss | partners with 15 per cent Telecom PTT, Sweden's Telia, | each. The enlarged Unisource would compete with Concert, the joint venture between British Telecom and its American partner MCI, and Global One, the joint venture between state-owned Deutsche Telekom and France Te-

lecom and their US partner

All three ventures are designed to provide multi-national companies with onestop shopping for their telecom needs. Mr Tution said that, unlike the other two, Unisource would also provide multimedia services, consulting, outsourcing, sys-tems integration and internet

Telegraph profits hit rise in sales

Forty May

SURGE of 47 per cent in newsprint prices helped to slash 59 per cent of firstquarter profits of the Telegraph group, which publishes Britain's biggest-selling UK

proadsheet newspaper. Profits were £6.6 million in the three months to March 31 against £16.2 million in the same period last year.

The fall came despite a 19 per cent rise in sales to £72.9 million for the quarter. It reflected higher production costs attributable to the Sunday Telegraph Magazine. launched in September 1995, and a fall in the contribution from John Fairfax Holdings - an associate company in Australia -- of 40 per cent to

The group said demand for newsprint had levelled off and prices had stabilised. Lord Stevens, chairman of United News and Media. which owns the Express group of newspapers, told yes-terday's annual general meeting the group was making useful progress following its merger with MAI in April.

He said the division's profits had been hit by falling demand for its anaesthesia ma-

lan King

selling its loss-making biotechnology division.

said the company was "seeking a solution" at the division, which is developing blood replacement products.

However, Mr Rosenkranz said BOC had no plans to close the division, on which it spent 29 million during the

sisted that BOC had no plans to sell its healthcare division, where profits fell during the period, and where the outlook was "pretty flat" for the rest of the year.

BOC ponders biotech exit

Boc, the industrial gases and healthcare group, yesterday indicated that it is considering

Announcing a 12 per cent jump in half year pre-tax profits to £217.4 million, chief executive Danny Rosenkrans

He added: "We are attempt

ing to find a solution for it. either through a partnership, a sale or some sort of But Mr Rosenkranz in-

mainly to healthcare changes there, while Forane, BOC's inhaled anaesthetic product, continued to face stiff pricing

pressure from competitors including Medeva. including Medevs.

Mr Rosenkranz went on:

"The division has a strong
return on assets, it is cash
generating and has a longterm future within the group.

Everything in the group has
a price, even BOC has a price,
but it is not for sale. We have but it is not for sale. We have not touted it around."

Elsewhere, there was better news from BOC's fastgrowing vacuum technology arm, which is now the second-biggest division in the

group.
Mr Rosenkranz said the
division, which numbers
Marks & Spencer among its
main customers, had enjoyed "strong" sales, but warned of a possible fall in demand for semi-conductors, another product made by the unit. BOC shares closed up 7p to 931p on the results.

Pauline Springett

Outlook

Earlier this month General Accident had said its first-quarter results for 1996 would be "significantly lower" than for the same period last ear. The company blamed cold weather in the UK and North America for a rise in cordingly and the market braced itself for the worst.

The ploy, if that's what it was, certainly worked as far as the City was con-cerned. Profits had fallen sharply, reflecting a 270 million hit from property claims for severe make the group's world-wide underwriting loss £96 million, compared to

£14 million last year. The City decided that the figures could have been a lot worse. Analysts appeared to concur with the company that its underlying performance was satis-

factory. But GA's ordinary customers are probably more interested in their insur-

ance premiums. Bob Scott, chief execu-tive, said that private motor claims had resulted in an underwriting loss for the first quarter of £9 million, compared to a £1 million profit last year, caused not only by bad weather but increased competitive pressure and steadily ris-

ing liability payments.

The upshot of this for GA's 700,000 UK private motor policyholders is that the company introduced a 4 per cent rise in car premiums at the beginning of April. So far, this had not resulted in an exodus of customers, although there had been little time for the rise to bite, he conceded.

Direct Line, the telephone insurance subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland, unveiled a near 90 per cent slump in its half-year prof-

General Accident

Mainty operates general insurance
Share price 684p A 19p in the UK, US, Canada and Europe.

GA cites weather as profits

fall and drivers pay more



(Fige do not relate specifically to GA) index shows notional cost saving which could have been achieved by switching motor insurers on any of the above da

its recently, blaming bad weather and competition. Mr Scott said GA's decision to increase its motor premiums was being care-fully watched by rivals. The key is whether they fol-

low suit, or if GA, which also increased its commercial motor premiums by 6 per cent, puts up prices more, as it would like to do. Steven Bird, of brokers Merrill Lynch, said he did not believe there would be a surge in the cost of motor premiums. There was still

too much competition for business and he warned that unless insurers increased insurance premiums by 4 to 5 per cent a year, they could not cover their rising claims costs. Of course the prospect, albeit small, of premiums starting to rise, was also a factor in the City's reaction to the results. Premiums generally have been fairly low for many types of in-surance for some time in

what is a notoriously eyeical business.

Another resson was the company's so-called orphan

among policyholders. In-stead, it would continue to be used to bolster the com-pany's financial strength.

made during the presenta-tion to analysis, that the

fund contains £1 billion. Orphan funds, incidentally, are surplus life funds which are not needed to meet bonuses due to with-profits policyholders. A spokesman swiftly in-sisted that, unlike some of its rivals, GA had no plans to distribute the fund

Nevetheless, the revelation of the size of these hidden riches sparked specula-tion that GA might make a tasty takeover target.

News in brief

600 jobs to go at Littlewoods Pools

MORE than 600 jobs are set to go at Littlewoods Pools as part of an efficiency drive that will also see the closure of its Glasgowthe number of workers employed by the football pool division of the family-owned Littlewoods retail empire and will help the business gear up to growing competition from the National

Lottery.

Littlewoods said it was further rationalising the business with heavy investment in technology aimed at streamlining its coupon-handling operations. Around 318 jobs will go with the closure of the Hillington plant near Glasgow. Part-time and casual workers will bear the brunt of a further 280 job losses in

PowerGen sells stake

THE American joint venture Avon Energy moved closer to completing a £1.7 billion takeover of Midlands Electricity yester day when PowerGen sold it a 21 per cent stake in the regional electricity company — only pausing to collect a £59 million profit on the deal. PowerGen built up the stake when it launched its own 21.9 billion bid for MEB last automn.

But its ambitions were thwarted nearly three weeks ago when Trade Secretary Ian Lang blocked the attempted takeover. Avon immediately moved in and now controls about 30 per cent of MEB shares having built up a stake of 8 per cent itself. PowerGen said it had accepted the 440p a share offer from Avon, the venture made up of General Public Utilities and CINergy. — Simon Beavis

Stevens' £234.000 pay-off

PROUDFOOT, the international management consultancy group formerly chaired by United News and Media chairman Lord Stevens, has made him a £224,000 final pay-off in respect of an unfunded pension plan. The pay-off, disclosed in Proudfoot's amusi report, was made in the same year that the company notched up full-year pre-tax losses of £1.9 million, against pre-tax profits of £11.2 million the previous year. Lord Stevens, who left the group last year, received pensions contributions of £293,341, along with a salary of £58,341. — Ian King

Whitbread lands Labatts deal

WHITBREAD yesterday snapped up Labatts Brewing UK, the British brewing arm of the Canadian-based drinks group owned by Belgian brewer Interbrew, in a deal which analysts said was worth just over £20 million. Whithread has also bought exclusive distribution, marketing and brewing rights for all Labatts's brands — which include Rolling Rock, Labatt Blue and Labatt Ice — in Britain and Iraland. — Ian King AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY OF

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Sir Rocco set to resign

THE Forte dynasty's 15-year struggle for coutrol of the Savoy Hotel Group ended quietly yesterday when the company said Sir Rocco Forte had indicated he would be resigning at a board meeting next Monday. Sir Rocco's resignation follows Granada's 23.9 billion acquisition of his hotel and leisure empire last January. Also resigning will be Sir Anthony Tennant, who became chairman of Forte during the closing stages of the bid. — Ian King

Firms shun EU opt-out

NatWest Interest rates

NatWest announces the following interest rates,

епесиче тот 13 мау 1996:						
Savings						
	Gross Rate per armum	Gross CAR	Net Rate per annum			
Fixed Rate TESSA Tax Free Sakings - Interest rate paid quarterly	7.250%	7.45%	N/A			
Fixed Rate TESSA Feeder Interest paid quarterly	7.250%	7.45%	5.80%			

The rates for all other personal savings accounts remain unchanged.

Where appropriate, lower rate tax fearmently 20%) will be deducted from interest credited at poid (which may be recipited by resident non-tappolytes). Otherwise (for example, subject to the required registration form), interest will be paid gross. The Gross Rate is the rate paid before deducting income tax. The Gross Compounded Annual Rote (CAR) is the rote where gross interest payments one retained in the account during the year.

The Net Rate is the rate poid after the deduction of lower rate income tax.

NatWest :

Workface/ Works councils are here but to what effect, asks Seumas Milne

HE British government's opt-out from European Works Councils — one of only two measures so far passed under the Social Chapter — is fast proving to be a dead letter. Not only are the large number of British companies with significant continental workforces obliged to set up forces obliged to set up Europe-wide consultative councils, but not one of the 150 or so up and running has excluded their British

With four months to go until the 1994 works council directive comes into force, the Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF) has swallowed its opposition to the principle and is now busy proselytising among UK companies, urging them to make voluntary arrangements before a tighter, legally-binding EU process is

business lobbies and govern-ment ministers is striking. But at least 300 British com-

panies will have to set up European works councils if a Blair government signs up to the Social Chapter and British workers are included in the works council headcount, along with at least 1,000 foreign-owned companies em-ploying British workers, according to EEF estimates. The likelihood is that only 300 voluntary agreements, however, will have been made by the

Peter Reid, the EEF's European Co-ordinator, who has briefed more than 500 affected companies in an EU-financed roadshow, says it is "scary" how little time many firms have devoted to the issue.

Under the Brussels direc-tive, all companies with more than 1,000 EU employees outside Britain and with at least 150 in each of two continental member states have to set up a Europe-wide employee body for information and consultation, which must meet at least once a year. Although the imposed in September. | councils will have no powers, redundancies, he had no contrast between this councils will have the right to be them on the radio.

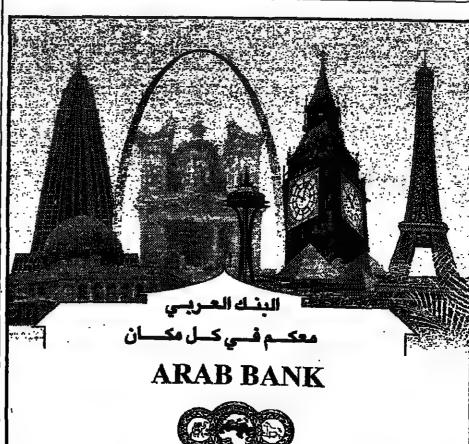
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working methods.

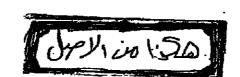
Mr Reid says no firm had even raised the possibility of excluding British workers.

UK companies that have already established European works councils include GKN, NatWest, BT, Pilkington and ICI. But the majority will be forced to take the formal route, under which they must choose to be "headquartered" in another EU state for works council purposes, as mini-mum terms will vary from country to country. Most are likely to opt for Ireland, which looks likely to have the most corporate-friendly

regime.
There is a widespread union view that, at the very least, the councils provide a regular forum for shop stewards to exchange information. But the tale of Allan Black, a GMB union official, is cautionary. He attended Pilkington's inaugural European works council meeting last November as an adviser but four months later, when the company announced 1,900 redundancies, he heard about



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Dushyantor can stake **Derby claim**

Graham Rock

ENRY CECIL'S unbeaten Derby hope Dushyantor (3.40) can win the Home owners Dante Stakes at York today, and a decisive victory would make him clear ante-post favourite for next month's Epsom classic.

Dushyantor is a half-brother by Sadlers' Wells to the 1993 Derby winner Com-mander In Chief and while he has not beaten a great deal in his two races, he had little in his favour when winning on his reappearance at Newman. his reappearance at Newmar-ket on 2,000 Guineas day. Held up and pulling in a

slowly-run race, he swept from last to first of the threerunner field two furlongs from home and won comfortably from Lallans; the runner-up was unsuited by the modest early pace when fin-ishing a close third at York

yesterday. Cecil also saddles Storm Trooper, impressive at the Craven meeting but disappointing behind Mark Of Esteem in the 2,000 Guineas. He raced on the slower ground towards the centre that day and was increase.

He raced on the slower ground towards the centre that day, and was inconvenienced by reverting to a mile. This extended 10 furlongs should be more to his liking.

Nash House has been well backed for today's race and is expected to start favourite.

Another well-bred colt, closely related to Spectrum, he won impressively on his debut at Newbury last month, squeezing through a gap on the rails to beat The Dilet-tanti by five lengths. The run-ner-up did little for the form when fourth at Newmarket next time, albeit on faster ground

Glory Of Dancer has probafory of Dancer has properly achieved most on paper so far. The winner of the Gran Criterium in Milan last autumn, he joined Paul Kellway's stable during the close season, and finished a good second for his new stable in the Thresher Classic Trial at Sandown, running Santillana to a neck, conceding 6lb to the winner.

He does not have the scope of Dushyantor, though, and Henry Cecil's colt, ridden by Willie Ryan in the absence of the suspended Pat Eddery, can improve to underline his Derby chance.

Royal Dome (3.05), who won three of his final five races last year, looked the sort to progress and win races as a four-year-old. He was just pipped by Stuffed on his reap-pearance at Thirsk, but should now be fully fit and



Winning reflections . . . Magnificent Style's Musidora Stakes win is mirrored on the big screen at York

win yesterday's Tattersalls | the owners to decide," said Musidora Stakes. Michael | the winner's trainer, Henry Kmane sent her into the lead | Cecil, who added that Magnificent Style had become a little upset before the Pretty Polly lived up to her name yester-day, and is now a best priced

Stakes.
Pat Eddery had tried to settle her in the race, she had pulled hard, and she had felt the firm ground when trying to challenge. 10-1 with Hill's for the Oaks. Pricket remains a firm favourite at 11-8 (from 6-4).

Magnificent Style has a day for Kinane, who had earnigh knee action and would lier won on Dance Parade. He be unsuited by fast ground at collected a two-day suspen-

Epsom. Nonetheless, she sion for hitting Humourless with unreasonable force in the Shepherd Handicap, in which Tim Sprake conjured a Magnificent Style was the home to best Kinane's mount highlight of an up-and-down by a head. Snooker

Terry Griffiths retires to top coaching post

Clive Everton on

the star overnight who is calling it a day

ERRY GRIFFITHS, who won the world title at his first attempt 17 years ago and became one of the televised game's most familiar faces, has retired at the age of 48. He is to be the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association's director of coaching, a new post reflecting the worldwide de-

mand for official coaches. Griffiths turned professional quite late, at 30, after working as an apprentice blacksmith, postman, bus conductor and insurance proved invincible.

He beat the previous year's runner-up Perrie Mans, Alex I should finish". Higgins, Eddie Charlton and As a member of the top 32 Dennis Taylor. Against Higgins he made a break of 107 in teed £21,215 in prize-money the decider to win 13-12. The next season even if he had semi-final against Charlton did not finish until 1.40am, when Griffiths, 48-0 down,

cleared with 97 to win 19-17. David Vine immediately put the microphone under his nose. "I'm in the final now, you know," blurted Griffiths in mingled disbelief and pride before beating Taylor 21-16

Griffiths went on to win the 1980 Benson & Hedges Mas-ters, three Irish Masters and the 1982 UK championship when it was restricted to Brit-ish-based players, but he

Steve Davis was his stumbling block six times at the Crucible, including the 1988 final, and it was to Davis that he went out 13-8 in the second round this way.

"I've never had a reception like I had at the Crucible this year since '79, nor the mail either," said the quiet man from Llanelli. "It was a good

ings, he said that further de-cline was "not my idea of how

renewed challenge out of seems little compared with The Welsh trio will be the Dombey, who quickened close the £200,000 Stephen Hendry home to heat Kinane's mount by a head.

The Welsh trio will be the world No. 9 Darren Morgan, the No. 16 Mark Williams and the No. 27 Anthony Davies.

York runners and riders with form guide

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 Bad Wolf, Red Eikon. PERTH: 7.25 German Legend, Meadowleck, Whitegelesprincess; 8.55 Anlace.

Quinn cáught in crossfire as Lynch loses his double appeal

ERGAL LYNCH begins a usual fair hearing. We 12-day suspension today as the Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday turned down appeals against two six-day bans meted out to the appearance with the recent statement of prentice rider in the space of three days last week.

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Lynch was judged guilty of qualified and placed last. Then on May 8 he was found guilty of the same offence winning on Montecristo after winning on Montecristo at Chester and was again

Rupert Arnold and Rae Guest, respective trainers of Letluce and Montecristo,

lodged tne appeals, but the Jockey Club upbeld the Hay-dock and Chester stewards. "We thought we had an argument that Fergal was only guilty of careless riding and that the interference didn't affect Letluce's placing, but we

ance as a witness at the appeal proved costly as he had to give up the ride on Dance irresponsible riding when second on Letluce at Haydock on May 6 and his mount dispicked up around £750 from his share of the winning prize money from Dance Parade. "I had to use a train to London, two sets of taxis, and an aeroplane to get here," said Quinn. "I missed the winner of the first race and had to get off Madly Sharp. I will in-voice the Jockey Club but

don't expect to get more than £90." Quinn will take over from Pat Eddery on the Michael Stoute-trained Soviet Line in Saturday's £125,000 Lockinge Stakes at Newbury. Kieren had a very thorough, fair Fallon was offered the ride, hearing," commented Arnold. but has been claimed to ride Guest said: "We had the at Thirsk.,

never won another worldranking event.

second round this year.

game to go out with."
Griffiths reached his decision after finding himself out-side the world's top 16 for the first time since his debut seaagent, yet six months later he qualified for the Crucible and 15th to 23rd in the world rank-

> lost every match, but he confessed: "Recently I've found it hard to practise. That's never

happened to me before." Griffiths, who with Ray Reardon and Doug Mountjoy won the inaugural World Cup for Wales in 1979, will not take up his entitlement to rep-resent Wales in the World for a £10,000 first prize. That | Cup in Bangkok in October.

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Hungary whet the Anderton appetite

David Lacey

Venables's squad hungry for Hungary, who visit Wembley on Satur-day in England's last friendly at home before the European Championship. Darren Anderton urgently needs to make up for lost time.

England also need to make up the gap in genuine interna-tional potential which his prolonged absence has forced upon them. Despite missing almost all of the season, Anderton, 24, is still the last of Venables's players to achieve anything of startling signifiant.

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It is 11 months, but only six more England goals, since Anderton rescued the side from an Umbro Cup defeat by a weakened Sweden team at Elland Road with a last-minute equaliser in a 3-3 draw, the ball striking both posts before crossing the line.

Venables has awarded roughly two dozen new caps none has fitted better than Anderton's. Now he will be keen to see if the player can step straight back into the side, having returned only recently for Tottenham after a seven-month absence The loss of Paul Gascoigne to the Scottish FA Cup final on Saturday should make it eas-ier to accommodate him.

Before Anderton underwent a hernia operation last autumn, after which complications in his right thigh necessitated further surgery, Paul Ince and David Platt.

manager Gerry Francis were regarding him as a midfield player able to go wide rather than as an out-and-out winger. He will not keep Gascolgne out of the opening Euro 96 match against Switzerland but a successful return on Saturday would be bad news for Steve Stone, that sporadically effective mem-

breed of footballers. Three full games for Totten ham in nine days have con-vinced Anderton his fitness problems are behind him. After securing twice at Leeds he felt as good as ever, a feel-

ber of the hamster-and-wheel

minutes against Arsenal I needed to play in those three games," he said yesterday, but I wasn't expecting to do it after being out for so long.

"It's been very frustrating.
If someone tells you that
you're going to be out for six months it's a big disappointment but at least you accept to be out for three or four kept on, and I was out for seven months.

"I didn't go to many games I'm not a good watcher. I find that very frustrating. Afterwards you just go home feel-

ing empty."

If Anderton plays against
Hungary, and Venables feels he has a six-match tourna ment in him, then the player will almost certainly line up

both Venables and the Spurs | leaving the position on the manager Gerry Francis were | left to be filled either by Steve McManaman or whoever plays there on Saturday. McManaman, like Robbie

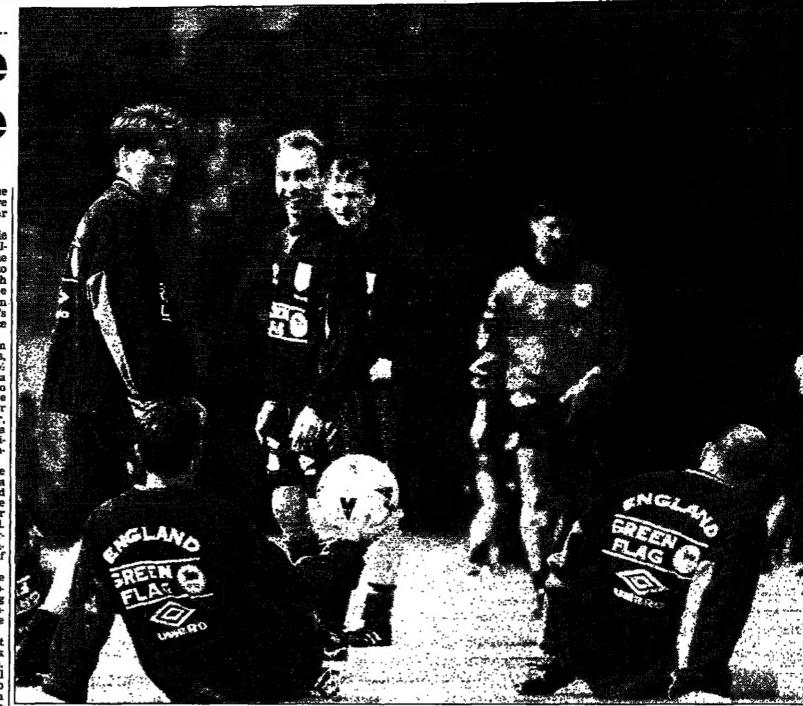
Fowler, is being rested and al-though both should be in the party for next week's trip to China and Hong Kong, which Venables will announce tomorrow, this could be an opportunity for Blackburn's Jason Wilcox to claim a place in the Euro 96 squad.

The presence at Bisham yesterday of Tony Adams, who missed the last 31/2 months of the season after a knee operation, is unlikely to portend major defensive changes for Saturday. Neither Adams nor Alan Shearer, back with England after a hernia operation, is in serious contention for the Hunga-

The loss of Rob Jones, the Liverpool full-back, with a back problem has increased joining his older brother Gary in the Euro 96 squad. Stan Collymore's hernia operation merely confirms Vena-bles's current choice of

"Everyone seems to have bernias now," Anderton observed. The pitch in Beijing - variegated here, corrugated there - could prove

The China game will almost certainly go ahead a week tomorrow but Ted Buxton. Venables's assistant, will check the pitch when Lazio visit the Workers' Stadium



Only one can play . . . Fowler, seated, keeps the ball from Anderton, left, and Platt during England training at Bisham yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

"It's strange how people can be affected by the big

occasion. You saw it again

last Saturday, when Liver-pool and Manchester

United were so disappoint-

ing. They were all nervous.
"The final five years ago
passed me by. I was in a

daze, not seeing anything. This time I'll be much

more relaxed. I intend to

look around, see every-

thing and take it all in. By Thursday of this week I'll

Jones ruled out I'll enjoy this final, says Gascoigne

lan Ross

OB JONES yesterday revealed the full extent of the back injury which could keep him out of football until Christmas. The Liverpool full-back officially ruled himself out of the Euro pean Championship after receiving the results of a hospital scan on a problem which first flared up 12

rest completely for three months and warned that it may be December before he is fit to play again.
"I have been

have seen told that I have a stress fracture of a vertebra," he said. "The doctor has told me that it was diagnosed at the right time because if I had played on a bit longer the vertebra could have snapped. If that had happened I would have been in

tainly have required an operation and it might well have threatened my entire career.

"The doctor has told me that I did well to get through the season. It hasn't been easy for me because some days I have difficulty in just getting out of bed. "I am bitterly disappointed

to miss out on Euro 96, but I have studied the X-rays and clearly there is a problem. I am feeling pretty low at the moment because I had been looking forward to being a part of the England set-up."

HOLLAND EURO 96 SQUAD: Gostinepers: R von de Ser (Ajzz, E de Goey (Feyenpord), R Heep (Rode JC).

Patrick Glenn finds Scotland's Player of the Year in no mood for cup-final horrors

> PAUL GASCOIGNE. | handedly secured ague championship and collected Scotland's two major Player of the Year awards, aims to complete a notable "Yankee" in the Tennents Scottish Cup final against Hearts at Hampden

Park on Saturday. Unlike the common the fourth result, however, Gascoigne seems free of the anxiety that marked his the cup final.

scored the hat-trick which beat Aberdeen and brought us the title," the midfielder you realise that you have to take the bad along with

"The awards from the SPFA and the Scottish Football Writers' Association meant a great deal to me after what I had been through in the previous few punter nervously awaiting years. It's nice to think people will be looking to me to do the business again in

anxiety that marked his first six months in Scotland, almost as if it has been siphoned off by achievement.

"It's a good feeling when you read nice things about the football. But it's been a tough season. I've had to nrove a lot of doubters were presented, and my mum got mine. She keeps it making a lot of people with her along with my various jerseys and I've to get it, and I'm no differency ory of that final is how nersharder. But I'm ready for that,"

wrong. I hope I've won a few people over."

Gascoigne's only other cup final appearance, for Tottenham against Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup five years ago, holds bittersweet memories. Spurs won -1 after extra time at Wembley, but long before the finish Gascoigne was being prepared for the first of a series of career-threatening knee operations.

His knee ligament had mapped as he attempted an appallingly wild tackle on Gary Charles before the final was 15 minutes old. "To this day I haven't was in hospital when they

be starting to get excited about it. "At the moment I'm still in a slight state of shock at things I've achieved

Allen set for Forest move

CHRIS ALLEN, the Oxford United striker, has turned down a new contract, clearing the way for a £500,000 move to Nottingham Forest where he spent a month on loan last sesson.

Sunderland fans facing a hike in season-ticket prices are unlikely to pay as much as those of Newcastle and Middlesbrough. "I think they will-be pleasantly surprised, said the marketing manager Grahame McDonnell.

Billy Ayre has resigned as Southport player-manager and is set to join Swansea as assistant to Jan Molby.

NORTHERN IRELAND SQUAD Germany in Bottact on May 23): Fattle shotm forcest, Designen (Botton): Carroll (Mull). Patterson (Luton). Taggart (Botton). Warthington (Luton). Taggart (Botton). Warthington (Luton). Hughes, Rowthand, Dowle (all West Harn). Lenaes, Hill (Loth Lainester). Lenaes, (Man City). Hussiar (Wrevham). Megillan (Southampton), WeGarthy (Port Vala). Medilahom (Tottenham). Groupe, Griffin (both St. Johnstone). Wallyne (Man U.). Gulenn (Stactpon). Horlock (Gwindon).

Kluivert free for Euro 96

PATRICK KLUIVERT yes-terday found himself free to play for Holland in Euro 96 when he escaped a prison term after being found guity of causing death by danger ous driving

The Ajax striker, 19, was instead sentenced to 240 hours' community service by an Amsterdam court. He was immediately named in the Holland squad taking on England and Scotland next month.

Kluivert was allegedly driving at twice the speed limit — 64mph in a 30mph zone when in September he accidentally rammed a borrowed BMW into another car, killing

victim's wife. A court spokesperson denied lenient treatment of Kluivert because of his fame. "He did not get a different sentence from anyone else. this kind of accident."

Master of the greenback

David Davies reports on the potential value of Nick Faldo's victory at Augusta

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ICK FALDO, the man other courses under construc-whose personal wealth tion in the Far East. was estimated prior to his win in the US Masters last month at over £40 million. 28 million to the total as a result of that victory.

The Englishman, whose sixth major championship win it was, is back in Britain to play two events, including next week's Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth He said that the commercial rewards had already started to flow, including a contract to represent Jaguar

Yesterday he also signed a contract to build a further 18 holes at the Mission Hills complex in Shenzhen, China, the site late last year of the World Cup. That, his manager John Simpson said, will be worth around £600,000. Faido, whose design of Chart Hills in Kent has been ac-claimed as the best new inland course in Britain, has 10

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Simpson, explaining the complexities of dealing with Faldo's finances, said that it was still too early to say exactly how much that green jacket would be worth to his client. "But," he said, "just as an example, when Nick won the Masters the Pringle company, who make his line of clothing, stopped everything else just to concentrate on making the exact shirt that he wore in the final round at

Augusta."
Faldo, aware that he has more money than he could possibly spend, is also anxious to put something back into the game. "I'm still trying to bring golf to every-body," he said. "I want to build public and tournament golf courses, that's the main priority. And I'd like to build a course that could host the

page news in every news paper in the land, was seen by nine million people on television in Britain alone. It also attracted the sport's biggest audience in the United States

for 10 years.
"I think I've met those nine million since I returned," smiled Faldo. "People have literally been hanging out of windows shouting, and it's been great. The public bave always liked me here. And the comments I've had from other players have been

His ambition remains undimmed. He is the only man this year and he has never. like some players, ruled it out completely. "I'd love to do it," he said yesterday, "but it's probably more realistic to try and add the US Open and US PGA to my list so that I've got a career grand slam."

If he succeeded he would

join Jack Nicklaus. Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Gene Sarazen as the only players in Ryder Cup in Britain."

history to achieve a full set of Faldo's win in the Masters, professional championships.

The majesty

BRITAIN'S Chris Law is among the five skippers who have perfect scorelines

at the end of the first day's

match-racing in the Royal Lymington Cup, writes Bob

Fisher. With four wins under

his belt, Law is guaranteed a

place in the knock-out quar-ter-final of this competition

Three other skippers in the

same group as Law also had four wins, the America's Cup

winner Russell Coutts from

New Zealand, Australia's

Peter Gilmour and the Ger-

man Markus Weiser, But the

world champion Ed Baird of

by Denmark's Sten Mohr.

which begins tomorrow.

Sailing

of Law

Rugby League

Paul Fitzpatrick on a discarded scrum-half

Larder leaves Shaun on shelf

HAUN EDWARDS, the | sional" behaviour during most decorated player in the history of the game, was the surprise omis-sion from Phil Larder's England squad for the European Championship match against France at Gateshead next

The Wigan scrum-half captained England in their opening World Cup game against Australia at Wembley last October but missed the rest of the tournament because of a knee injury.

Bobble Goulding replaced him and Larder, the England coach, using the evidence of the World Cup and the opening games of Super League. has kept faith with the 24-year-old Goulding.

about his omission yesterday. "I would be a lot more disappointed if it had been the Great Britain side I had not been picked for," he said. "All I can say is that Phil Larder picks the squad and he must be happy with the half-back formation that played in the

It is no great surprise to see Danny Arnold chosen. The 19year-old St Helens winger has enjoyed an exceptional run of success in recent months. He scored two tries in St Helens' Challenge Cup final win over Bradford Bulls at Wembley last month and has scored 11 tries in seven Super League

games this season. Arnold is one of four St Helens players in the squad. The others are Goulding, Paul Newlove, the game's costliest player, and Chris Joynt. It is Wigan, though, with six players, who provide the backbone of the squad.

Meanwhile Kelly Shelford, Warrington's scrum-half, has been dropped, fined and placed on the transfer list at £150,000 for what John Dorthe United States was beaten ahy, the club's coach, describes as "totally unprofes- Edwards . . . sidelined

Sunday's victory over Shef field Eagles.

The New Zealander, suffering from a slight knee injury. was substituted at half-time but then changed out of his kit, thus cutting down Warrington's interchange

"Kelly took it upon himself that he was not required for the second half. That was totally unprofessional and that is why we have taken this action," said Dorahy. Shelford will play for the Alliance side against St Helens tomorrow.

Twelve sides will compe for the Halifax Student World Cup in August, by far the biggest presence since five countries contested the first World Cup 10 years ago. Among the newcomers are Japan and the United States.

Single and the United States.

ENGLAND SOUADE Basks: D Arsold (States). In Calland (Bradford Buils), G. Connelly (Wigan) B Gestlding (States). Region: Salford Recs.). P. Muselove (States). Il Officia (Wigan). D. Powell (Keighley Congara). R Badfireld. J Roblinson both Wigan). T Smith (Castleford Tigera) Forwards: P. Breadbeant (Shefficial Engles). M. Considy, A Farrell (Both Wigan). K. Marrison (Haifat Res Sot). G. Jogni (St. Heiers). J Lawiese (Shefficit Engles). S. Mellanson, (Bradford Buils). P. Rousley MeMamura (Bradiord Bullo), P Route (Halifax Blue Box), P Scutthorp



Boxing

King tries civil rights angle

ON KING, whose familiarity with courts of law has bred a certain easy confidence down the years, will once more turn to the bench this month in a new effort to deny Lennox Lewis a

He has booked an appearance before the Civil Rights Court in Washington DC to argue that his World Boxing Council heavyweight champion is being denied the right to earn a living. Like that fighter's bank bal-

ance, this is a bit rich. Tyson has already earned \$60 million (£40 million) in three walkovers since his release wants him to. I understand he from prison in March last made an application to the

year. There's living and | WBC yesterday to surrender there's living. | the belt." Seth Abraham, the vice-

president of sport at Home Box Office, arrived in London last night to outline details of defend against Lewis in July or September. Lewis would

17 different courts trying to stop this fight. But the judge in the Supreme Court has denied Tyson the right to give up his WBC belt, as King

· Nigel Benn, who dislikes

pre-fight press conferences and has ignored several of them in the past, was nearly a \$45 million offer to Tyson to | two hours late for his head-tohead meeting with Dublin's WBO super-middleweight get \$15 million.

Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, does not expect King to surrender his

Panos Eliades, Lewis's financial backer, does not expect King to surrender his

Steve and all that," said "the

prize easily.
"Don likes courts." Eliades
said yesterday. "He has been
before 11 different judges in
before 11 different judges in
chester after about six weeks' camp.
"I've already spent the

money for this fight, so I hope he turns up." said Collins. "Don't lef me down, Nigel."

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Tennis

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US RED CLAY CHAMPIONISTIP (Fla): First rounds M Gustafreson (Soo) bt K Goossers (So) 6-4, 6-2, M Tehnem (Aux) bt S Draper (Aux) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3
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Basketball MEA: Semi-final play-off: Eastern Con-ference: Atlanta 104, Orlando 89 (Orlando lead series 3-1).

Cricket

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chouts (Gr) 5-1, 6-3; W Trea (Aut) bt M Goodarz (Aus) 5-1, 5-1; J Daigado (GB) bt G Steenhamp (DA) 6-1, 5-1; J Daigado (GB) bt G Steenhamp (DA) 6-1, 5-2; O Burrison (GB) 5-1, 5-1; D Cliderry (Aus) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; A Grandoso (GB) bt A Parmar (GB) 7-5, 5-4; F Dewide (Uru) bt T Sprinks (GB) 6-5, Surrey 411-6 dec (J D Ratcitto 1t) N F September (GB) 6-6, Surrey 411-6 dec (J D Ratcitto 1t) N F Sep ice Hockey

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EATH clinched the

time Ponty signalled their willingness to push Neath to the wire when the big lock

Prosser scored in the left cor-ner after shrewd work by Jenkins. But a minute from the interval Neath extended their

lead to 21-10 with a third con-verted try, this time by the scrum-half Bridges, who charged home from 12 metres

thanks to a pass by Steve

In the second half Ponty threw down the gauntlet with a volley of 10 points in 10 min-utes, including a well-worked try by Jason Lewis and a con-

version by Jenkins who also kicked a penalty. But Neath quickly bounced back with a superb solo try by their right wine Chris User Minutes

In the 71st minute Huw

sixth try and with five min-utes left Williams broke away

on the right to plunder the all-

important seventh. The title was already Neath's when Jenkins grabbed a late try for

Williams.

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B&H Cup: Lancashire v Warwickshire

Lloyd hits high notes

David Hopps at Old Trafford

perately analyse the secrets behind Warwicksbire's success, Lancashire take rather a different tack: they just keep beating them. Victorious over Warwick-shire in the three domestic

competitions in which they met last season, they maintained the sequence in their Benson & Hedges group tie yesterday by squeezing a one-wicket win with a ball remaining.

Superficially, with each side already assured of a

side already assured of a place in the last eight, the only reward was a home quarter-final But in essence it was much more than that. It was further proof that one county at least can withstand Warwickshire's brazen domination of the county game. David Lloyd, England's new

coach, will attempt to inspire his side for next week's Texaco Trophy against India with as pecially compiled sound-track including such stand-bys as Churchill speeches, Je-rusalem, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance and Papa's Got A Brand New Pig Bag from Perfecto All Stars (just the drum break at the beginning)

If he has tested the tape out on his son Graham, Lancashire's middle-order batsman, evidence suggests that it is bloody good stuff. It was Lloyd's sanguine 63 not out, from only 40 balls, which enabled Lancashire to overhaul a Warwickshire total of 312

out of their grasp.
Lloyd's self-belief must have been fuelled by the knowledge that be had done it all before. Last season he thrashed a six off the last ball to beat Leicestershire as Lancashire, with 318 for five, set a competition record for a side batting second. This time it was the last man Peter Martin, with four leg byes against an incredulous Dermot Reeve, who made winning contest. made winning contact.
In last season's corresponding tie Graeme Welch had

been struck for 103 runs, the worst analysis in the competi-tion's history, and had suffered that rarest of Warwickshire emotions, a crisis of confidence. Yesterday he must have thought his two wickets had settled the match.

Crawley's smooth 47 ended with Reeve's prancing catch at short extra, and Gallian. who had moved purposefully to 61 despite not being in the best of nick, fell to a sprawling catch by Brown at deep square leg. Lancashire, though, bat as low as the dressing-room attendant and their spirit never wavered.

Warwickshire's innings had been kick-started by Nick Knight and Neil Smith, with 112 in 12 overs. Reeve also interfered to good purpose, collecting a wicket, a brisk 20-odd, and three catches.

He might also have col-lected the Gold Award but for Lloyd and the end of a Warwickshire winning sequence stretching back to last August Marvellous stuff.



Swipe card . . . Warwickshire's Keith Piper whips off John Crawley's bails but to no avail

Kent v Glamorgan

Morris torments Kent

Jeremy Alexander at Canterbury

BLISTERING innings by Hugh Morris took Glamorgan to their first quarter-final since 1990. His unbeaten 136 off 100 balls pro-pelled them past Kent's modest 208 for nine for the loss of two wickets. Kent, conceding first place in the group on on points thanks to Essex's victory over Somerset.

In the end it was clear-cut, but cricket's junior cup com-petition almost fell foul of its overall run-rate. Victory alone might not have been enough for Glamorgan. To be certain, they had to get their rate above Kent's. Not even a call to Lord's between the innings disclosed their ration of overs to achieve this. Calculators were out in abundance

Somerset v Essex

unquestioned

HIS was a thoroughly pro-ficient, if no more than ac-ademic, eight-wicket win for

Essex — and a dispiriting

result for Somerset. The personal triumph belonged to Stuart Law, the Queenslander

who yesterday completed his third hundred in four days.

There was almost disdain in the way he treated Somer-

set's mostly undistinguished

and occasionally ragged

attack. His method was based

on sharpness of eye, exquisite

timing and spunky one-day

runs came from boundaries in his first 50. He galloped to his century off 73 balls, with 16 fours and two sixes. Then

Trump gained a delicate Ibw

decision which patently took

It all became increasingly easy for Essex, winning with

more than eight overs to spare after being set 251. In-

spare and deed their ionings had the mood of a jaunty, trouble-free walk in the sun. They had

reached 50 by the eighth over,

100 by the 17th. There were nervous looks exchanged in

Darren Robinson had early

the batsman by surprise.

All but half a dozen of his

Essex Law

David Foot at Taumton

Glamorgan embarked on a | sitting for one-day purposes supposition of 38.4 and, on that basis, got home with six overs to spere. After early level-pegging with James, Morris raced away to 50 off 38 balls, 100 off 68 and eventually 21 fours and a six. Their opening stand of 181 in 25 overs was a county record and made success a formality.

Both were severe to any-thing pitched up, and biffed a succession of front-foot fours through the covers. Fleming, in his first over, bowled the only maiden but then went the way of the rest. Morris, having stood down from the captaincy complex new computation of late last season, has regained pinched in the bud. form with a vengeance. This was his third century, one a

double, this season.

Remarkably, yet rightly, it
was not enough for the Gold

Award. Steve Watkin, another Welshman also with three Tests to his name, won ing spell. England's selectors,

at the weekend, are being pos-itively jostled. Watkin took four for five in 21 balls and gave Glamorgan

immediate control that even the wayward Gibson, who bowled two of his six wides before he got a ball to count, could not undermine. Under early cloud Watkin found movement to beat Ward and Walker, lift to trap Cowdrey and wit to hook Fleming. recklessly caught at long leg himself hooking the next ball

> the same shot. Kent's pinch-hitting pretensions were Kent were 35 for five in the 12th over. Hooper, supported by Llong and Marsh, guided them towards respectability before, checking his shot, he holed out to long-on when threatening acceleration. For all the calculators, that may

after he had been dropped off

Gloucestershire v Hampshire

Alleyne goes a long way

THE Gloucestershire pyrotechnics failed to ignite as this season's Benson & Hedges campaign warmed up a degree or two here, yet Hampshire con-trived to burn their own fingers. They missed a quarter-final place by 21 runs and will still be wondering how. With Andrew Symonds in

such destructive mood and the West Indies captain Courtney Walsh back to provide a razor-sharp edge to the Gloucestershire attack, the visitors may have feared the worst. Recent history was against them as well: they had not beaten Gloucester shire in a B&H match for 19 years. But they let a golden

opportunity slip yesterday.
Symonds had barely moved
out of first gear when Sean
Morris dismissed him with a
fine low catch at extra cover. have been the day's most sig-nificant chip.

And later Walsh, happy | caught in the deep by Mike enough to leave the new ball | Smith with his second delivto others after his long flight from Jamaica, suffered an un-

and some sensible acceleration late on from Mark Alleyne - both batsmen reached the 70s before falling to Winston Benjamin and Cardigan Connor respectively - saw Gloucestershire set a challenging total of 272 on a distinctly 205-ish pitch. Hampshire looked odds-on

to win as Kevan James and Benjamin guided them to even time. Gloucestershire had lost their opening bowler Revin Cooper with an ankle injury and attacking options were beginning to diminish. Enter Tim Hancock, an oc-

had the dangerous Benjamin | pact in the game.

ery, and with his sixth he saw the Hampshire captain John

left-armer Richard Davis, who had already sent back Morris and Robin Smith in the space of five deliveries, Hancock's strikes were enough to take Gloucestershire home. For all its commendable grit, the Hampshire tail was left with too much

within 100 runs of victory in | tained the most attractive batting of a tight game. Nine boundaries, all cleanly struck, gave Gloucestershire a defendable total, but it was Cunliffe who laid down the Enter Tim Hancock, an occasional medium-pacer long on enthusiasm but short on wicket-taking pedigree. He tude to make a significant im-INCLASED & SUPREY
Egiliatum Surrey won by five wickets.
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D Heastey Sw b Julian
E L Eagleson c Thorpe
b B C Hottloaks
A T Butherford c Stewart b Julian

Total (for 8, 30 overs) 196
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Benefits Lores 10-2-35-2; M P Bictinali 10-5-19-3; A 1-billionite 3-1-15-0; Pagraph 10-1-43-0; Julian 10-0-45-2; B C Hollionite 7-1-25-1.

Implese J G Balderstone and J D Bond.

NORTHAMPTONSHERE V YORKSHERE

Marthumpton: Northants won by seven victors.

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H J Blakey c Balley b Penberdry
D Gough run out
D Hardry not out
C E W Silverwood run out
E O Slarey o Ambrose b Curren
Edrae (pt. 85, w2, mbd)

Total (for 9, 50 overs) 205
Fell of wicketse 15, 70, 137, 152, 178, 180, 191, 194, 198.
Score at 15 sweet 1-38.
Bentling: Ambrose 10-2-50-0; Taylor 10-1-40-1; Curran 8-0-36-1; Emburey 10-1-22-0; Pentberthy 9-0-48-3; Bailey 3-0-20-0.

MORTHARPTONISHERS
D J Capel c Hartley b Bovan 22
R R Montgomerie live b White 17
R J Balley not out 76
M B Loye live b Silverecod 3
K M Gurran not out 8
Extras (p5, lb14, nb2) 21

Umpleon: D R Shophard and R A White.

usual degree of frustration as be bowled through his overs. Rob Cunliffe's application

Stephenson held by Tony Wright at short cover. Coupled with an equally influential over from the slow

wagging to do. Alleyne's 53-b

tries in the 65-18 humilia-tion of Llanelli were only enough to salvage their pride. Had they not wasted time attempting conversions last night they might even have taken the title, writes David Plummer.

second quarter Neath res-ponded in uncompromising manner with two converted

tries in two minutes, both

scored by forwards, Ian Boob-

The home side started brightly with two tries in the opening 14 minutes. had filtered through Hall made a 40-yard dash Neath were champions.

Cardiff's 11-try feast all in vain T WAS a valiant attempt | along the right wing and but in the end Cardiff's 11 | scored, then Adrian Davies wriggled over in a confined space. Cardiff squandered three excellent chances be-

George Manage Sentins, Penaling Jentons.

Menethe S. Caree: C. Higge, L. Davies, H. Woodland, R. Wintie; G. Evans, C. Bridges; L. Gerrard, B. Williams, J. Davies, G. Bridges; L. Gerrard, G. Ewits, G. Lowis, C. Stembury, I. Socioper, S. Williams, Penalippelded C. Cormacic, D. Maniey, J. Lowis, S. Lewis, G. Lawis, N. Jankims, N. Lloyd, N. Bezani (capit), P. John, A. Meicalle, G. Prosser, M. Rowley, M. Spiller, M. Williams, M. Lloyd, Reference D. Davies (WRL).

Williams, Davies, Mills, Moore, Jones, Ford, Walker and Jones again continued to top up the score but news had filtered through that

fore Jones sprinted over to help take the interval lead

Tennis

Muster master of his medium

Stephen Blerley in Rome

achieved in recent times, at least on clay. The Austrian's unbeaten run of 38 matches on this surface came to an end in Munich the week before last, but yesterday he returned to winning ways as he began his defence of the Italian Open title. He has won four clay-court

tournaments already this year, and although he cannot reclaim the world No. 1 spot from Pete Sampras by win-ning at the Foro Italico he may well return to the top of the pile before the French Open, which he won last year. Sampras withdrew from this Rome tournament after the death of his coach Tim Gullikson, and Michael Chang pulled out with a rib

month. he duly responded yesterday.
"I find it amazing all these time. Nobody respects the European clay-court season," Muster said. Warming to his theme, he suggested the Euro-peans were "stupid to pay the Americans so much money to

come here and play". He then added an extremely uncomplimentary remark concerning Europeans and round

Sport in brief

Squash Simon Parke, who has not competed for six months after

man, who led England to their first world title in Cairo in November, will make his tournament comeback a few miles down the road at Giza tional Parke is still ranked

the ability of Americans to relieve their bowels over ASSING Muster is an experience few have tors as "They just abuse the hospitality".

Agassi will have had very

little clay-court practice prior to the French Open which be-gins on May 27; Sampras none. However, Chang took the title in Paris seven years ago without playing in any of the lead-up tournaments. One American, Jim Cou-

rier, the French champion in 1991 and 1992, was very much in evidence yesterday, win-ning his first-round match against the Italian Renzo Furlan 6-3, 6-3. "In my opinion all the best clay-court players are here. It's not a weak tournament."
Muster's victory over his

fellow Austrian Herbert Gullikson, and Michael
Chang pulled out with a rib
injury. Andre Agassi simply
stayed away, having been
booed off in Monte Carlo last month.

Closely resembles that of the courts here, may beg to dismore love of clay than of agree. But one matter is un-cricket, have had one or two smide things to say about Herr Muster's world ranking, and He has won 37 titles on the surface and is the clear favourite to take the Italian Open for a third time.

Steffi Graf made her first

appearance in front of a home crowd for two years yesterday in the German Open in Ber lin. She raced to a 6-1, 6-2 second-round victory over the American Tami Whitlinger-Jones in 49 minutes, having been given a bye in the first

Saturday when she competer

competed for six mothers after suffering from testicular can-cer, will be in action again on Friday, writes Richard Jago. The 23-year-old Yorkshire-No. 5 in the world.

over 400 metres in the Bed-fordshire International Games at Bedford. She will face stern competition from Donna Fraser, the British No. 2. Other Olympic contenders taking part include Steph-anie Douglas, last year's fastest UK women's 100m runner Sailing

Eleven syndicates from nine

countries have announced that they will challenge the holders Team New Zealand for the America's Cup in 2000. Entries closed at 5pm yester day but there is a late-entry deadline of May 14 1997, by which time the number of Sally Gunnell will run her challengers is expected first race of the season on have reached at least 14.

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the field.

on taken three boundaries in an over from Shane Lee; later Law rather unfeelingly dispatched the inexperienced Matt Dimond for 464 off successive balls. At the end Nasser Hussain was still there on 68, with Graham Gooch in paternal attendance. Somerset's own total had owed much to the stand of Marcus Trescothick and Rob

Turner, an undefeated 99 off 11 overs. Out of favour so far this season and only a last-minute selection (because of injuries) for this match, Tres-cothick's bold half-century had appeared timely for the club as well as himself. At the other end Turner continued his appealing transformation as a semi-slogger. Earlier Mark Lathwell hit a goodlooking 50.

gold prize from unlucky Morris

balls to spare at Grace Road yesterday. With Leicester-shire chasing 288, Dakin and Darren Maddy (61) shared a fifth-wicket stand

Northamptonshire to a seven-wicket victory over Yorkshire, whose 205 for

only 40 minutes into the day. But Neil Doak stayed for an unbeaten 84.

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Dakin plunders

JON DAKIN's unbeaten 108 steered Leicestershire to a four-wicket victory over Durham with two

of 153. Both batsmen made their best scores in the competition and Dakin's match-winning effort earned him the Gold Award ahead of Durham's John Morris, whose 145 was a career best and the highest one-day score for a Durham player. David Capel (82) and Rob Bailey (75 not out) powered

nine was never enough.
Worcestershire's eightwicket victory over Scotland came after the hosts' openers rattled up 96, their best start of the campaign, before eight wickets went for 40 runs.

British Universities con-British Universities con-tributed to Middlesex's vic-tory at Fenner's as, defend-ing 184, they handed the county 45 extras. Surrey completed a five-wicket success with 12 overs to spare against Ire-land, who slid to 17 for five

Scoreboard

Benson & Hedges Cup OLOUCISTERSHIRE & MAINTSHIRE Bristole Gloucestershire won by 21 runs.

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de ONCESTRESHAME
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A Symonds c Morris b Maru
C A Walen c Jernes b Whiteler
W Alleyne Ibw b Comer
TR C Rusself run out
R P Davis b Comer
Estres (86, w3, nb2)

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R S M Morris st Russell b Davis
J S Larrey c Walah b Cooper
L S Minde run out
R A Smith o Alleyns b Davis
R A Smith o Aleyns b Davis
R A Smith o Aleyns b Davis
R A Smith o Hennock
J P Stephenson c Wright b Hencock
J P Stephenson c Wright b Hencock
J A Naymes run out
S D Udal c Symonds b Smith
C A Connor c Davis b Walah

Total (49.2 overs) 284 Fell of wickels: 47, 173, 115, 162, 188, 186, 195, 231, 237. Score at 15 overs: 1-78. Bowlings Cooper 8-0-48-1; Smith 8,2-0-60-1; Alleyne 9-0-48-0; Waigh 10-0-41-1; Davis 10-0-50-2; Mancock 4-0-15-3. Unspired: J H Harris and B Leadbealer.

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10-1-82-0: Chappie 10-0-91-1; Yalee
10-0-95-3; Wattinson 10-0-58-0

BRITISH SHIPWERSTIES V SHIPPOLESEX
Perman* Middlesex won by five wickets.
BRITISH University 11 to 12 to 13 to 14 to 14 to 15 to 15 to 16 to 16

| Extract (192, w6] | S | Total (for . 48.2 overs) | 23.2 | Fall: 48, 81, 177, 186, 187, 187, 298, 227, 230. | Source at 18 overset 1-98, Bowtling: Malcoim 8-0-41-0; Harrist 7-8-8-1; Vandrau 19-1-39-1; Defroitsta 8-3-0-34-1; Aldred 4-0-18-0; Weille 19-1-36-4; Barnett 2-5-0-8-0, Defroitsta 8-3-0-34-1; Aldred 4-0-18-0; Weille 19-1-38-1; Barnett 2-5-0-8-0, Sherrist 2

Total (for 4, 38.5 overs) 231, 231;
Fidi of wintests: 196, 197, 231, 231;
Fidi and hate C J Adams, P A J DeFreibas,
P Aldred, A J Herris, D E Makoolm,
Source at 1.5 overs: 0-105,
Boodbay Saggers 4-0-43-1; M A Shurp
8-0-42-0; Laudat 4-0-36-0; Potter
7-1-18-0; Mylee 3-0-32-0; Powell
6-0-30-0; Shyr 4.5-1-30-3;
SOURCESSEY WESSEX
Therefore Essex won by eight wickels.

Edinas (62, To 10, w6) Total (for 9, 48.5 overs) 315
Potel (for 5, 50 overs) 280
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G A Gooch not out
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Cantectury: Glamorgan won by eight wickets.

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J I Longley c Whiteley b Parsons 15
P D Collingwood not out 15
A Daley run out 0
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V J Wells c Roseberry b Collingwood 40
B F Smith c Bolling b Collingwood 53
J J Delten not out 108
D L Maddy b Bolling 61
P A Nixon at Ligarterood b Bolling 1
P C G Renny not out 1
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© The Minor Counties left the full force of Dean Jones's destructive powers as Derbyshire sweet to a stevencial victory at Derby yesterday. The Australian opener look the visitors' bowling apart, scoring 142 from 10° balls, he respired 50° of 31 balls, a century from 77, with 16 fours, and struck two huge slows before clipping Bobby Sher to short midwickst.

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in new ticket row

John Duncan

tre of another row yes-terday after foreign tour operators who had been promised tickets were told they could no longer have them.

This could leave ticketless about 10,000 foreign fans who

have paid for packages through legitimate compa-nies, and it could put the Football Association in court.

We will be forced to take

legal action against the FA to recover any losses," said Roger Moore, whose Danish company Travel's Easy bought tickets worth £39,100, many at a lunch organised by the official ticket supplier Synchro Systems. "The claims will run into millions. It is inexplicable and absurd." An unnamed Norwegian company was in London yes-

terday seeking a meeting with Euro 96 organisers to confirm it would receive 5,000 tickets it has paid for.

Travel's Easy has been told by the Euro 96 director Glen Kirton that "tickets will not be issued which have been applied for on behalf of persons

outside England". However, in December Travel's Easy and about 20 other companies had attended an official lunch at which it was offered 200 tickets for any game. The invitation had been sent to the company in Den-mark. Then Synchro wrote to Denmark saying that English addresses were needed for each application; Travel's Easy used the address of a friendly

ticket agency in London.
"I asked them whether this was all legithmate and they said yes," said Moore. "They knew that this was intended for Scandinavia.

'Our priority at all times is the safety of spectators," said Kirton. "The regulations are specific about the need for an English name and address for each four tickets."

EUTO 96 MIDFIELDER TRADES IN ONE ROBSON FOR ANOTHER



Another chance to samba . . . Emerson is greeted in now-familiar fashion by fans at the Riverside Stadium yesterday

Boro do the Brazilian hat-trick

Michael Walker on Teesside's welcome for Emerson's £4 million worth of talent

WAS business as usual in Middlesbrough yester-day: smoke belched from the cooling towers dotted around the town, and the foot-ball club signed another boy from Brazil.

Emerson Moises Costa, following Juninho and Branco, became the third Bra-zilian to join Middlesbrough

since October and engage in Bryan Robson's ambitious efforts to turn the Teesside club into a Premiership force The 24-year-old midfielder signed from Porto for \$4 million. He played his last game for Bobby Robson's side on

Sunday when Porto secured

their second successive Por-

sacrificed another European | ning trophies in Europe and | Cup opportunity in order to | in England. Obviously I felt | play on Teesside. Speaking through an inter-

preter Emerson, who has played for Brazil's youth team out not the senior side, said: "My message to Middles-brough is that I have joined on a three-year contract and want to make them a big club just like I did at Porto."

His immediate targets were a championship challenge and qualification for Europe' and later "to be up there win

there was a great project go-ing on at Middlesbrough and I was interested as long as Bryan Robson could convince me it was not just a dream. Robson clearly did so, beating off the blandishments of Fior-

Emerson, a central midfielder, first came to the Boro manager's attention two years ago in a conversation with Bobby Robson. The for-mer England manager saw i dis iormer captain in Emerson, although Bryan Robson was too modes to make that comparison yes-terday, instead likening the Rio de Janeiro-born player to

enting. Internazionale and

Emerson is also a Portuguese passport holder through marriage and therefore does not need a work permit to play to England. His international ambition is to win a senior Brazil cap.

Paul Ince.

Boro's manager said: "Em erson is top class. He can dictate the pace of the game, he is a strong tackler and a very

good passer.
"He's naturally fit eight per cent body fat, about the best you can get from a footballer. That's the level Cantona and

Giggs are on. He works very hard on a football pitch; Bobby Robson thinks he's an outstanding player and is disappointed to lose him. He's the

next piece in the jigsaw." The piece after that in Boro's transformation may be along in days rather than weeks. Fortuna Cologne's Danish forward Mikkel Beck has been watched by Robson, and Jür-gen Klinsmann's name has been linked with Boro as well as many other clubs.

The financing of such multi-million-pound deals, Keith Lamb, has come from money through the turnstiles. Last season Boro sold all 26,100 season-tickets at the Riverside Stadium and with the new campaign three months away the club has al-

ready processed 6,000.

The increase in support —
Middlesbrough sold 9,500 season-tickets at their previous home, Ayresome Park — in part persuaded Robson to reject the chance of becoming England coach.
"We established ourselves

last season finishing 12th," he said. "Now we've got to go a stage further. What is encouraging is that I am able to persuade the likes of Emerson to come here."

The lost art of those wizards of the dribble



Vincent Hanna

and all the comics I wanted. I've tried it since, but it wasn't the same. I still never miss the Archers Omnibus, so you can forget OJ Simpson; bring me the head of Simon Pemberton.

I had a picture stuck by the bed, cut from the Rover, of Nick Smith and Arnold Tabbs who were serious footballers. Our school was split between the Smith/Tabbs fans and the followers of Limpalong Leslie Thompson from the Wizard who dribbled a lot and passed to Ishmael, the Gypsy centreforward.

Smith was a cultured inside-right (they were always "cultured") in the Raich Carter mould. Arnold Tabbs was a "battling" wing-half (they all were). No frills about Arnold: long shorts, centre parting. They had to hold him back when a swarthy Continental with slicked hair — you couldn't tell them apart in the Rover — gave him flowers and kissed him on the cheek be-

fore a game. Continentals couldn't shoot, everyone knew that, it was the earlic or something. The great Geoffrey Green said so in the Times. Here he is in 1963: "One has altoays said that the day the Continentals learned to shoot would be the moment British football would have to wake up. That moment has come at last . . . England's ad end on the national stage

now proclaims it to the skies. That moment was the shirted Hungarians led by a rotund army major called Fe-renc Puskas. They took apart 6-3 an England side with Alf Ramsey, Billy Wright and Stanley Matthews. Suddenly schoolboys wanted to be deep-

lying centre-forwards like Hi-degkuti and shoot like Bozsik. Nick Smith wasn't worried: "They're too brittle, it's all too organised," he said. "They couldn't handle a battling wing-half like Arnold Tabbs. Limpalong Leslie said he could put Ishmael through the Hungarian defence. We'll see what Gazza can do on Satur-

day when we play them for the We are still good at fooling

ourselves. We believe that

the odd great player, can beat a good team. Managers who have husbanded limited talent within a tightly organised framework, such as Clough or Mee, or Graham, have been rubbished even - no, especially — when they have won.
As Virginia Wade politely put
it: "Winners aren't popular,

losers often are." Something in our character prefers the reckless to the calculated. Whatever we thought of them in wartime, we Brits adore sporting kamikazes.

Take this football season. Kevin Keegan is a nice man with a passion for the game. His club has great traditions and amazing supporters. This season he spent £25 million and threw away the Premiership with kamikaze football. Then he promised to go on doing it. And they all cried: 'We love you Kevin."

Try to imagine Kevin in charge of AC Milan or Bayern Munich with the same record. On second thoughts don't. Meanwhile Alex Ferguson spent peanuts, and won the Double with the help of talented youngsters, a great goalkeeper, a French genius, and good organisation. "Rotten Scottish swine," came the

O UNITED beat Liverpool 1-0 last Saturday with what Paddy Crerand described as "the best-organised midfield I have seen". And hanging, apparently, is too good for

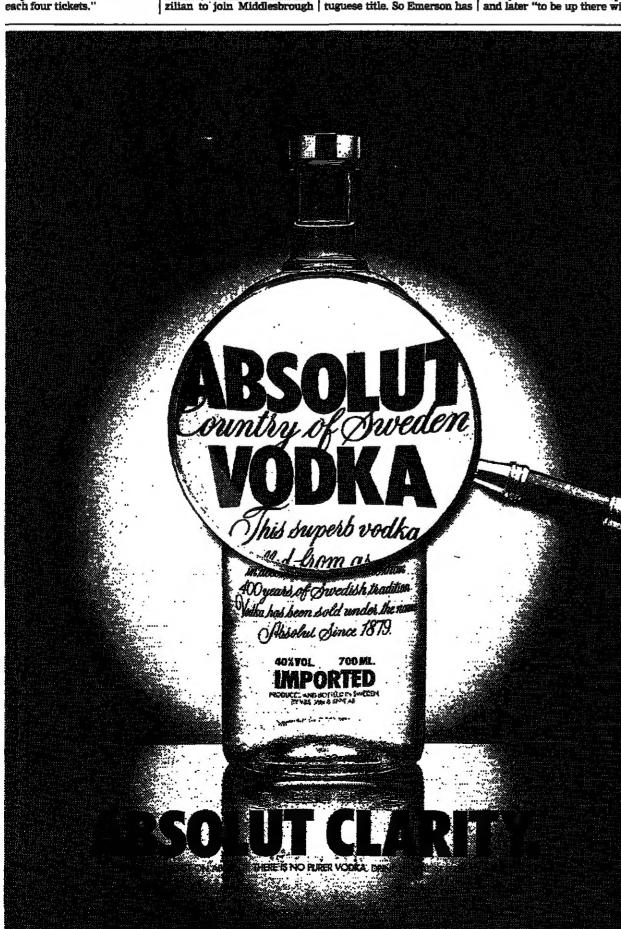
Tommy Smith, that legendary Liverpool captain, paid grudging tribute. "Ferguson played it like an away European Cup match," he said. Beckham and Giggs were pulled back, Butt and Keane smothered McManaman and Barnes. It looked like a load of

crap — but we fell for it."

Tommy argues that Liverpool should have adapted. "That's what the captain's there for. In the 1974 final vestle were all over us for half an hour, I told the lads to cut out the midfield and hit long balls. We won 3-0. On Sat-urday we never got a decent shot on goal."

"People forget that Matt Busby hated to give away goals," said Paddy. "He would order us to fill midfield for the first 15 minutes. Even George Best would tackle back. The team played like that on Saturday. Not pretty - but totally

prepared." Now if only Nick Smith, or Limpalong Leslie, or Kevin Keegan had been in charge, we could have had a final to be proud of: a great British occa-sion full of entertainment, with plenty of goals. Prefera-bly with both sides losing.



In Cybill, Shepherd's best friend is Maryann, a dipsomaniac divorcee who delivers the

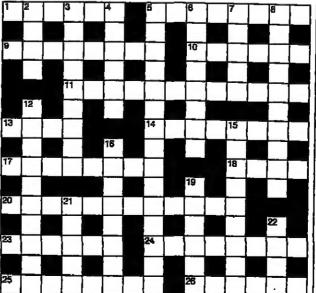
show's best barbs, and is a comic invention of brilliance. In a Hollywood on the run from the religious right, making Maryann such a sympathetic character is

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remarkable.

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1 Almost the optimum ancient

5 The end of 11 is in the show (8) 9 Appeal about deficiency to student who crossed the picket line (8)

10 Spirit returned when there isn't any honey drink (6) 11 Make out the joke in 21's 7?

13,18 Paddy-whack 21's giri (8) 14 Take part in organising really small operation (4-4) 17 Two kinds of water to drink? Cheers! (4-4)

18 See 13

see revolutionary hanged and die (6,6) 23 Snatch a little sleep? (6)

briefly have changed

everything (3,5)

20 Secret meeting's business -

24 Freshly turned line would

26 13 river at Cinque Port with the wrong part of me (6)

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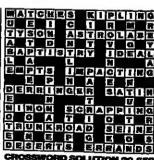
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steps (5-5) 12 .Tongue is eaten by horse to make it stick? (10)

down arms and evasive



15 Turn up for Bremner when holding a gun in the middle of 11 (9)

16 Place cannable so as to incriminate another — there could be a bloomer there (5,3) 19 An Australian state ruler's

solution (6) He followed Virgil and died before (5) 22 Poetical river with another 13 letters (4)

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